Merchants Plan Large Representation

The Charlotte Merchants Association will have a large representation at the North Carolina Merchants Association's annual convention May 16-18 in Raleigh and several leaders in merchants' activities here will take prominent parts in the discussions.

Charles Dudley, managing director of the Charlotte organization, announced the state convention programs today. He said the North Carolina Association of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs and the Associated Credit Bureaus of North Carolina will hold their annual conventions on the same dates at Raleigh.

W. W. Kale of Charlotte, vice president of the merchants' state organization, is on the program to preside at the business meeting May 18 but will be unable to attend, Mr. Dudley said.

R. A. Snook of Charlotte, past president of the Charlotte merchants, will speak May 17 before members of the Credit Bureaus' organization.

Mr. Snook's talk will be followed by a talk by Mr. Dudley, program chairman and vice president of this state association.

Presidents of the organizations holding their annual meetings on these dates are Ansel E. Fowler of Winston-Salem, merchants; Mrs. Dorothy Copeland of Greenville, breakfast clubs, and Mrs. Mabel Biggs of Lumberton, credit bureaus.

The Charlotte delegation will be led by E. L. Hicks, president of the Merchants Association. Mrs. Ethel Wilkinson, president, will lead Charlotte's members of the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs on this trip.

Speakers on the Merchants Association's programs will include Henry L. Bridges, state auditor; Ben E. Douglas, director, State Dept. of Conservation & Development; Julian Caplan of Washington, director, National Retail Furniture Association; and Rowland Jones Jr., president, American Retail Federation.

A tea at the Governor's Mansion the afternoon of May 17 will be a feature of the entertainment program. A banquet the evening of May 18 will conclude the convention.

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Jack was born in Concord and moved to Charlotte at the age of four. He finished both grammar and high school in Charlotte and attended The Citadel at Charleston, South Carolina. He and his wife, the former Miss Emily Pulley, and their three children reside on Lawyers Road. Jack is associated with his father, Mr. L. A. Love, Sr., in the operation of Queen City Trailways. Jack is Vice President in charge of operations. Jack is a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Quarterback Club, and is Chairman of the nation-wide National Trailways Safety Commission. Jack Love is as Mecklenburg as the Mecklenburg Declaration and as stable as Independence Square. He proudly, respectfully and prayerfully solicits your vote.

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(4) . . . In intensified program of Highway safety with Public School Program of Safety Education.
(5) . . . In honest and efficient government.

Political advertisement paid for by friends of Jack Love

Zebra Stripes Out Of Prison Fashion

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—After 30 years, the Montana Board of Prison Commissioners took official note yesterday that state prison inmates no longer wear those zebra-striped convict suits.

The prisoners last wore the suits in 1924. Now, under a newly adopted rule, it's correct for them to wear overall suits with white stripes down the seam of each trousers leg.

Switzerland now has several schools teaching branches of the handicraft industry.

PVT. SCHINE REPORTS for morning formation at Ft. Myer, Va., near Washington, along with other Gls. Schine, third from right in front row, has testified in the controversy between Sen. McCarthy, for whom he has worked, and the Army. (AP Wirephoto).

It's True Hospital Bills Are Up, But The Treatment Has Improved

By ELIZABETH BLAIR
Charlotte News Staff Writer

You say your hospital bill has gone up?

You're right.

You say it costs more, nowdays, to be sick than it did in, say, 1934, 20 years ago.

You're right again.

In the 20 intervening years between the operations of two patients whose records are on file at Mercy Hospital, the hospital bill for an appendectomy has a little more than doubled.

The figures are from the business records at Mercy. The statistician is Stephen V. Webber, business manager of the hospital. The basis for the figures is a spot survey of hospital bills for appendectomies, one set in 1934, one in 1954.

The figures apply only to bills for appendectomies selected at random. They don't include doctor's bills. They don't apply to other types of operations or illnesses.

In 1934, a patient paid a bill of $53 to have his appendix removed. He had a private room in the hospital for eight days.

COMPARISON

In 1954, a patient paid a bill of $120.70 to have his appendix removed. He, also, had a private room in the hospital. He stayed seven days, a long time for hospital recuperation from an appendectomy now. (According to the bills surveyed, patients usually stayed four to six days.)

According to the consumers index, the purchasing power of a dollar based on the average cost of the period 1935-1939, that patient paid 95.7 cents for a dollar item in 1934.

In 1954, he paid an additional dollar — about $1.95.7 — for that dollar item.

Even the business records look different.

Items paid by the average operation patient in 1934 included: "Room, board and general nursing; operating room; anesthetic; Laboratory; Medicines and drugs; dressings."

Today, the operation patient's hospital bill may include these additional items: "transfusion (the cost of giving the blood, there is no charge for the blood); special drugs; x-ray; EKG (electrocardiogram); intravenous solutions; oxygen; physical therapy; BMR (basal metabolism, a measurement of the energy used in the body's vital activities)."

Not all these items listed on the bill are necessary for every patient. And some of them were known and used in 1934.

DIFFERENCE

For instance, oxygen was used in '34, but the nit was an indication that the patient was in an extremely serious condition, almost dying. That's no longer true.

In 1934, there weren't any "special drugs." The electrocardiogram was used very seldom. The BMR wasn't generally used. Now, all can be a part of routine treatment.

The two bills surveyed appeared to be routine appendectomies. Even in the '54 bill, there was no unusual charge, such as oxygen.

RUNDOWN

A run-down of the two bills shows that room, board and general nursing in 1934 cost $28, in '54, $66.50. The operating room charges in 1934 were $10, in '54, $20. Anesthetic cost $10 in '34, $15 in '54. Lab charges were $3 in '34, $11.50 in '54. Medicines cost 50 cents in '34, $5.75 in '54. Surgical dressings for the wound cost $1.50 in 1934, $1.95 in 1954.

Behind the increase in anesthetic charges, for instance, is the fact that in 1934, the anesthetic was administered by a registered nurse who had had some training. Now, the hospital employes a staff anesthetist, physician, and a staff of aides.

In 1934, there were fewer employes, 76 — and that includes, nurses, administration staff, clerical employes — than there were beds and bassinets, 112. Now, there are far more employes, 479, than there are beds and bassinet, 325.

With all this increased cost to the patient, the hospital's costs in caring for the patient have increased, too.

In 1934, 86 cents of each dollar of the hospital's income was spent for patient care. In 1954, patient care accounts for 89 cents of each dollar of hospital income.

And the hospital's capacity to care for patients has increased, too.

In 1934, Mercy rendered 22,451 days of patient care for 2,774 patients discharged.

In 1954, the hospital had 88,115 days of patient care for 11,026 patients discharged.

That means that 1934 patients, in all services of the hospital, stayed about 11 days. In 1954, they stayed about 8 days.

Your hospital bill for an appendectomy is double this year what it would have been 20 years ago. But you're also paying twice as much for food, rent, clothing, necessities and luxuries.

Court Delays Showdown In American Woolen Tilt

BOSTON (AP) — A meeting of the American Woolen Co. stockholders to receive results of last month's election was temporarily blocked Monday by Textron, Inc.

Textron Board Chairman Royal Little, who has been seeking control of the business-poor but asset-rich 43 million-dollar corporation, forced postponement of the meeting until Wednesday or later with a federal court injunction.

Challenging the count of proxies which apparently gave the existing management group victory and election of four directors April 23, Textron's injunction action was served on American Woolen clerk Cecil Whitney Saturday night.

The legal action halted, until after a further court hearing on Wednesday, the meeting called for Monday to receive announcement of the April 23 voting by stockholders.

Little, who had failed to stop the month-postponed annual meeting by equity action in Massachusetts Superior Court, indicated after that meeting he would take the case in to court again.

Textron had small American Woolen holdings before March 1. Little says it acquired nearly 300,000 common shares on or after that date—which was the date of record for ownership of stock to be voted in the annual meeting.

American Woolen counsel, former Massachusetts Gov. Joseph D. Ely, ruled that Textron did not acquire annual meeting voting rights with stock bought on or after March 1. Textron did not vote the stock.

Textron and some supporters claimed, however, to have voted 180,000 other proxies at the meeting.

They then raised a question of whether there was a quorum, based on alleged lack of access to records of proxies in management's hands. Little said many stockholders had canceled proxies previously given management and assigned them to Textron.

Belmont Students In Joint Recital

BELMONT — Sacred Heart Junior College and Academy will present Mary Esther Marus and Jean O'Keeffe, pupils of Sister Mary Cecilia, in a piano recital at 8 p.m. Monday, in the college auditorium.

Both young ladies are members of the 1954 high school graduating class. Friends and interested music lovers are invited to attend. A reception for relatives and friends will follow the concert.

The program will include several two-piano selections, as well as solos by each of the talented performers.

Doctor Will Check Godfrey

BOSTON (AP) —Radio-TV star Arthur Godfrey will have a check made of his year-old hip operation within a week or 10 days.

Bone specialist Dr. Otto Aufranc, who has been handling the Godfrey case since the death of Dr. Marius N. Smith-Petersen, will go to New York to make the checkup, a Massachusetts General Hospital spokesman said last night.

The hospital announcement came after the entertainer told his TV-radio audience, "I've got to go back to the hospital and have it (the operation) done all over again" because there is "something mechanically wrong" with the hip.

The original operation, performed last May by Dr. Smith-Petersen, replaced the shattered hip bone with a new ball and socket joint covered by a metal mold.

Both Godfrey's hips were smashed in a Washington automobile accident more than 20 years ago.

Staggered drinking hours, instead of 6 p.m. closing, are being urged in Australia.

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GROCERY NEWS

By Betty Boyer

Well, folks, it's chicken festival time in Georgia, the nation's leading broiler producing state. This week the Georgia poultry industry is celebrating another banner year.

We suggest that you celebrate this occasion with them by treating your family to a delicious Georgia frying chicken. This, of course, brings to mind a JESSE JEWELL frozen chicken. We have been using JESSE JEWELL frozen CHICKENS in our home for some time and we can certainly vouch for them. You see, JESSE JEWELL chickens are grown under rigid, scientific controls to produce the sweetest, tenderest, juicest meat you have ever tasted. JESSE JEWELL frozen chickens are thoroughly cleaned, cut-up and ready for the pan. All you have to do is defrost and cook. You will find a JESSE JEWELL chicken in the frozen food section at your grocer's . . . try one for dinner tonight!

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Tonight serve the dessert your family loves best of all . . . old-fashioned strawberry shortcake. And folks, there's a new and easy way to prepare this most popular of desserts . . . let BISQUICK, the 12 in 1 mix, take all the work out of making the shortcake and let REDDI-WIP, the fresh, real cream that whips itself at the touch of your finger, give it real new exciting glamor.

REDDI-WIP has all the nutritional benefits and delicious flavor that can only come from fresh real cream . . . actually costs less than 2c a serving. Yes . . . while strawberries are in season is the time for strawberry shortcake . . . made with BISQUICK and topped with REDDI-WIP!

REDDI-WIP gives an added taste appeal when served on cakes, pies and all gelatin desserts. Try REDDI-WIP soon, get it from your grocer or milkman!

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Burgers A La Foil

1 lb. ground beef
2 tablespoons catsup
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate
dash pepper
¼ cup pickle relish
4 slices onion

Combine beef with catsup, salt, pepper and glutamate. Form in eight very thin patties, using ¼ cup meat mixture for each patty. Spread four patties with relish. Top with remaining patties sealing edges together. Now top each patty with onion slice and wrap each tightly with aluminum foil. Place on broiler with folded side down, 3 inches from heat. Broil 10 minutes and turn, broil another 10 minutes. The foil holds in all the good meat juices and gives an extra delicious flavor.

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I'm wondering if your family goes for jam and jellies like mine! If they do, you will be interested in the offer that SPEAS pure apple cider VINEGAR is bringing you. Just purchase one bottle of SPEAS highest quality pure apple cider VINEGAR and you will receive absolutely free one full size package of PEN-JEL.

We suggest that you try this fast new way to enjoy delicious home-made jelly without risking a cent. Treat your family to the full flavored goodness of real home-made jams and jellies. It's easy — it's fast — it's economical when you use PEN-JEL.

SPEAS pure apple cider VINEGAR is popular with so many housewives . . . if you haven't tried it, get a bottle today at your grocer's . . . don't forget that you will receive a package of PEN-JEL absolutely free.

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Picnics, whether in your own back yard, in the mountains or at the beaches will soon be the order of the day. And when you plan picnics you just naturally think of Potato Chips . . . LAY'S POTATO CHIPS.

LAY'S POTATO CHIPS are prepared under the most careful supervision and with the most modern equipment. LAY'S POTATO CHIPS are precision-sliced to bring out full flavor. You see, potato chips must be sliced just right in order to insure full flavor and crispness. LAY'S POTATO CHIPS are precision-sliced . . . automatically . . . by blades which can be adjusted to one/one thousandth of an inch. It takes such accuracy and control to bring you slim, trim chips every time. This development is one of the many used by LAY'S to bring you the finest chips money can buy.

On your next visit to your grocer's be sure and purchase a supply of LAY'S POTATO CHIPS . . . the one food product that is enjoyed by young and old alike.

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Brownies

The brownies are rich, chewy, and more-ish in flavor

4 squares chocolate
½ cup shortening
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup enriched flour
½ cup crumbled LAY'S potato chips
½ cup chopped nut meats

Melt the chocolate and shortening in the upper part of a double boiler. Beat the eggs, add the sugar and beat until smooth. Add the salt, vanilla, and cooled chocolate mixture. Mix well. Add flour and finely crumbled chips and the coarsely chopped nut meats. Black walnuts are especially good. Mix lightly. Use a pan about 8 by 8 by 2 inches. Line the pan with waxed paper and film this with melted fat. Pour the batter into the pan. Bake about 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Cool in the pan for five minutes after removing the pan from the oven. Then turn onto cake cooler, remove the waxed paper. Cut the brownies into squares.

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