PROGRAM OF OPERATION FOR WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL

With the selection of a new superintendent at the Wood County Hospital, the county agent was asked to prepare a plan for the improvement of the cropping system and livestock improvement. The plan was prepared and approved by the Finance Committee of the county board and later presented at the direction of the Finance Committee to the trustees of the county hospital, where it was adopted. The county agent was instructed to locate a farm manager for the institution. Don Rowe, assistant county agent, Columbia county, was presented to the trustees, who have his application under consideration.

After carefully checking the amount of feed being fed to the dairy herd, the poultry flock and the swine herd, it appeared that many savings could be affected, provided good management practices were followed. The feed bill for 1944-1945 was around $18,000, and in addition $7,000 worth of home grown grains, and about $3,000 worth of skim milk was fed. The superintendent reports as of April 1st, that the feed bill has dropped $3,000 during January, February and March as compared to the same months in 1945. Production per cow according to reports from the institution was 4300 pounds of milk - 130 pounds of butterfat per cow. Since checking at the farm, the milk production during January, February and March has reached a total of about 4,000 pounds per cow.

I have recommended that the Soil Conservation District personnel map the entire 660 acre farm and make any additional recommendations which they see fit to those which I have already made to the management. No one has volunteered to explain why the feed requirements have dropped sharply and why the milk production has increased tremendously since the county agent was asked to prepare a plan of operation. The superintendent reports as of April 10th, that the farm manager plans to get along in 1946-1947 with one car of corn.