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We investigate the boundedness character, the oscillation, the periodic nature, and the global stability character of the nonnegative solutions of the difference equation $x_{n+1} = (a + bx_n + cx_{n-1}) / (A + x_n)$, $n=0,1,\dots$ where the parameters a, b, c , and A are nonnegative real numbers such that $a+b+c>0$, and where the initial conditions x_{-1} and x_0 are nonnegative real numbers. (Received July 23, 2000)