

A View From The Governor's Office

By Gov. Raymond P. Shafer

This Administration is taking action to prevent and crack down on any fraud or potential fraud in the State's public assistance program.

Last week, I approved establishment of a 20-member field auditing team to travel throughout the State checking on the issuance of public assistance payments.

The major purpose of this team will be to make certain the local county boards of public assistance are issuing checks only to those who qualify. In addition, the Department of Public Welfare has established new procedures to help us guard against fraud in the system.

These new procedures are the result of an investigation into the reasons for the rapid rise in public assistance rolls and charges of fraud in the issuance of emergency public assistance

checks in Philadelphia earlier this year.

The reforms we are making are part of my Administration's determination to make certain that the integrity of our system is maintained and that the possibility of fraud is eliminated.

On April 7, we called in the certified public accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, in Philadelphia, after statistics showed that emergency fund payments to Philadelphians asking for public assistance increased by 289 percent from June, 1968, to January, 1969.

In addition, we also launched an investigation into the charges of then Auditor General Grace Sioan that more than 800 Philadelphians had received duplicate public assistance payments. She charged fraud existed in hundreds of these cases.

Our investigation into these charges indicates thus far that there are 26 cases in which more than one duplicate payment was made to a recipient. However, I am advised there is a strong indication of fraud in many of them.

In addition there were 50 cases in which there was one duplicate payment made to the recipients. In 49 of these cases, restitution was recommended by faking the duplicated amount out of future payments to the recipients. In one case, prosecution has been recommended.

As a result of this investigation several changes already have been made by the Department of Public Welfare to improve the system of issuing all checks.

First: Emergency checks are issued only from the Executive Director's Office of the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance.

Second: A complete register of all checks forwarded to the Treasury Department for mailing to recipients is mailed daily to the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance. This makes

it possible for the Board to verify immediately that a check from the Public Welfare Department and the Governor's Office has been mailed to a recipient and prevents claims of non-receipt of assistance.

Third: The firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company has recommended 16 ways to improve the methods and procedures of the Philadelphia office, and a team of systems analysts and a team of systems analysts assigned to implement them.

Success Seen For Fertilizer Industry

A fertilizer industry leader sees a "period of promise" ahead for his industry, but success, he indicates, hinges on attention to better marketing, better business practices and better handling of customer credit.

W. J. Turbeville, President, Agrico Chemical Co., and Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, National Plant Food Institute, spoke this week at the 12th annual Northeast Fertilizer Conference.

He pointed out that fertilizer marketing programs must be oriented more toward customer, less toward products, and added "you can't sell tomorrow's commercial farmer with yesterday's marketing skills." This means, indicated Turbeville, that, more than ever, success or mediocrity of a fertilizer business outlet will center on dependability, knowledge and initiative of the local dealer, not only in selling, but in servicing each account and following up on every sale.

Turbeville sees "an expanding realization among industry toward need for better business practices in all areas, from better profit-loss statistics to handling customer credit." NPFI, he indicated, is set to help industry in developing programs to improve business data collection and knowledge of credit use for benefit of both industry and its customers.

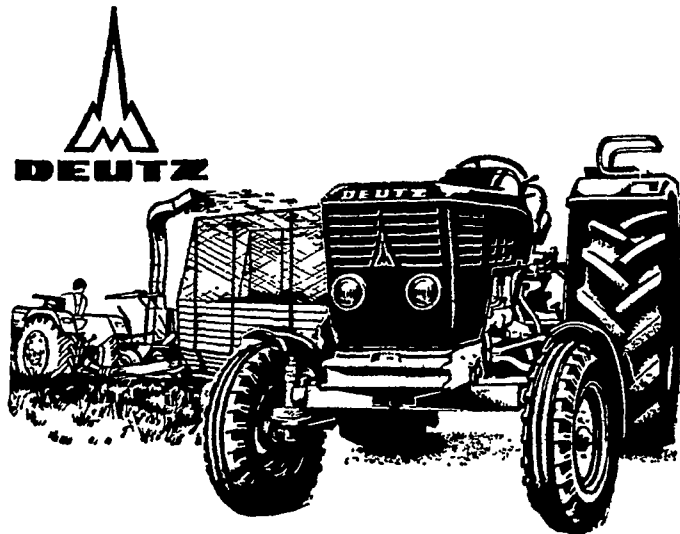
The annual conference is sponsored by NPFI in cooperation with northeastern land-grant universities.

Pennsylvania Tobacco Prospects Improve

Production of Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco for 1969 is forecast at 380 million pounds, an increase of 1 percent from the August 1 estimate. If the current forecast materializes, the crop will be about 1 percent larger than last year's but 16 percent less than the recent 5-year average production.

Yield prospects increased to 1,900 pounds per acre, 100 pounds higher than 1968 and about 110 above average.

Tobacco harvest began as early as the last week of July and nearly all producers began cutting at least two weeks earlier than normal Tobacco leaves were generally large and heavy. Curing weather during mid-August was ideal with low humidity. Because of the heavy crop, a lot of good weather will be needed to prevent shed burn.



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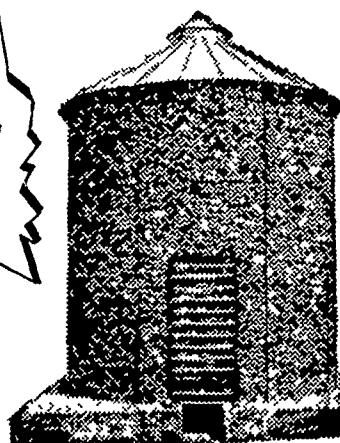
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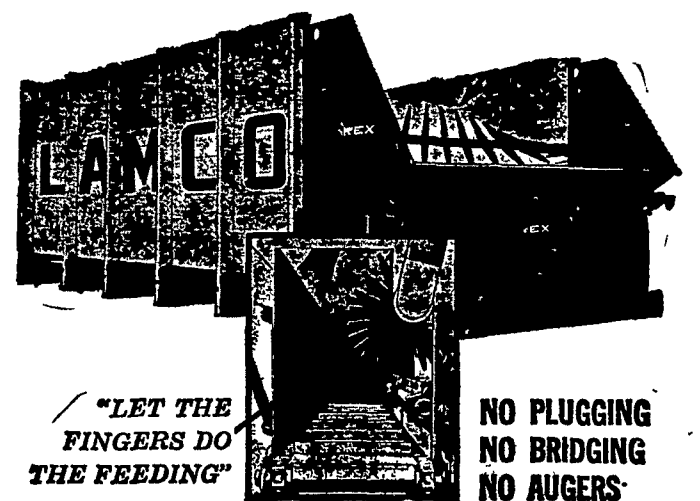


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