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Quiz on Public Welfare State Gives True-False

(Answers to questions
on Page 20)

1. True. The highest percentage of dependency is a rural county; second highest, a semi-rural county, both some distance from metropolitan areas

2. False. Only 3.2 per cent of the total number of persons receiving assistance are employable. Most assistance money goes to children, and the mothers who provide their care and persons unable to work. The percentage of employables varies as persons are removed from the rolls because of employment, or added because of job losses.

3. False. As of Sept 30, 1969, 27 per cent, or 4,592 of the 17,251 employables on assistance were working full or part-time. Their low earnings made supplementary payments necessary. Of the total number of employables, 56 per cent were handicapped, limiting their job potential.

4. True. Allowances are made for food, clothing, incidentals, shelter, and utilities, but no provision is made for replacements or repairs, nor is any money provided for beds, furniture, and necessary household equipment

5. False. A lien is taken on resident property for repayment of assistance granted, but repayment is required only when the property is sold or transferred outside of the family

6. False. There is no durational residency requirement for applicants for assistance other than that the applicant live in the State

7. False. During fiscal 1968-69, 29,400 cases (representing 83,200 receipts) went off cash assistance because of employment in the family. The average length of time on the rolls of Aid to Dependent Children, for example, is one year and 11 months. About 19 per cent of the families received assistance for six months but less than one year.

8. False. Only 40% of all recipients in the State are non-white. 60% are white

9. False. Effective January 1, 1969, allowances were raised to 90 per cent of the minimum standard for decent living set by a State survey, just one year later, January 1, 1970, they were raised to 100 per cent, providing, for example, \$286.10 per month for a family of four

10. True. In addition to a money payment for the essentials of living, the public assistance program pays for health care and provides helping services that include job training and placement, family planning and counseling, legal aid, homemaker service and other benefits

11. True. Low-income persons whose earnings fall below fixed standards are eligible for food stamps and medical care

12. False. Employed recipients

are allowed to deduct work expenses (wage tax, income tax, cost of travel, baby sitting, etc.) and a variable amount as work incentive. They continue to receive assistance if their incomes are lower than the regular grant after deductions

13. True. Fifty-five per cent receive less than the maximum. Payment is based on need. Some persons have free shelter and 35 per cent have income from employment, social security, support payment, and the like.

Lancaster County Gets \$169 Million From U.S.

The counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York in the Piedmont Region of Pennsylvania received \$1,038,793,411 in Federal Government outlays during Fiscal Year 1969, Pennsylvania's U.S. Senator Hugh Scott announced

Adams County received \$23,970,506, Cumberland County \$236,167,406, Dauphin County received \$245,480,816, Franklin County received \$88,469,300, Lancaster County received \$169,063,715, Lebanon County received \$63,226,300, Perry County received \$10,568,020, and York County received \$201,847,348. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania received a total amount of \$8,770,274,023

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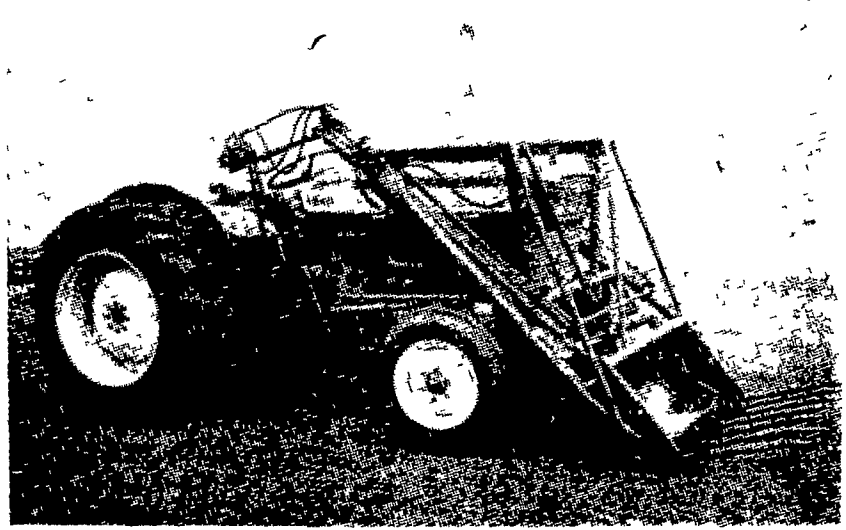
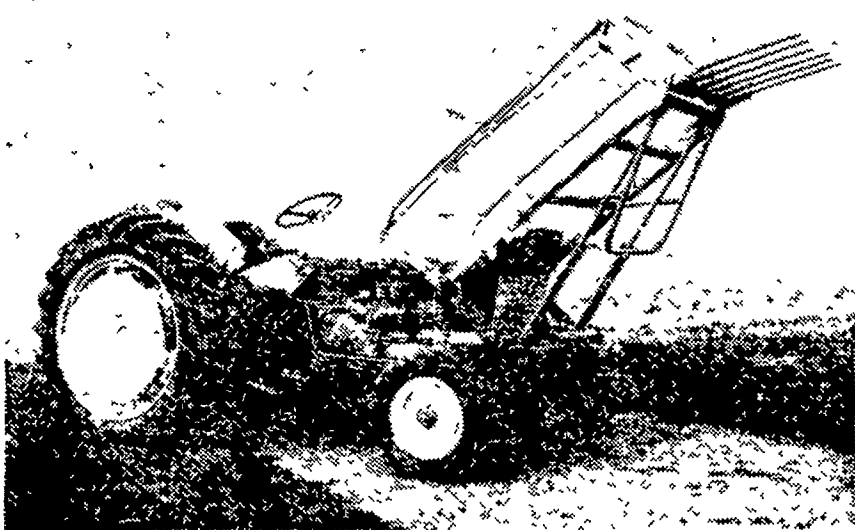
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