

## Findings Revealed In Old Age Program

### Study Is Made By State Board of Public Welfare

Characteristics of persons receiving old age assistance have been studied by the State Board of Public Welfare, which released its findings recently. Only one-fifth of the elderly persons in the State were found to be receiving old age assistance on the basis of a strict budgetary determination of need.

Old age assistance is one of the plans administered through the State Board of Public Welfare whereby persons 65 years of age and older who are in need may receive cash aid in the form of monthly grant. Federal, State, and county funds make up the grants, with the county putting in about one-ninth of the payment.

To be eligible, a recipient must have lived in North Carolina at least one year, and must have minimum needs for food, clothing, and shelter which are greater than the resources which are available to him. In addition, he must be willing to give the county a lien on any property he may own.

Among the more important finds of this current study, made under the direction of Robert Mugge, director of the State Board's research and statistical service, are the following:

1. While 65 years is the minimum age for receiving assistance, most recipients tend to be much older, and dependency on public assistance increases with age. The average age of applicants for this type of aid is 69 years. The average age of all recipients is 74.3 years.

2. Over three-fifths of all recipients are women, and the recipient rate for women is more than 40 per cent higher than the recipient rate for men.

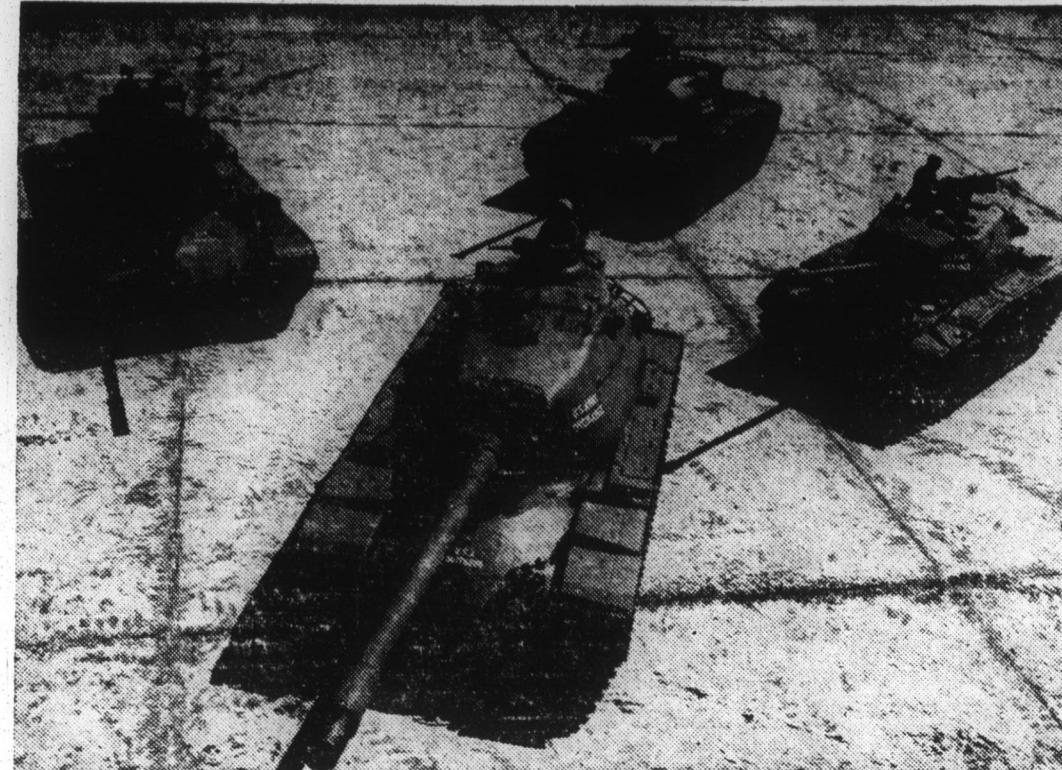
3. Eighty per cent of the recipients are able to take care of themselves in the home, while the other 20 per cent require considerable care from others because they are bedridden or have physical or mental handicaps.

4. A great majority of the recipients (80 per cent) live with their husbands or wives or other relatives. Over half of the recipients or their spouses have responsibility for their homes, but only about 14 per cent own the homes in which they live.

5. Nearly half of the recipients are living with one or more children. While 47 per cent of the elderly men are living with their wives, only 18 per cent of the aged women have husbands with whom they are living.

6. The homes of recipients of old age assistance appear to be no more crowded than homes in the State are generally found to be. While, according to the latest census report, 11 per cent of all dwelling units in the State have an average of 1½ persons per room, only 9.7 of the recipients live in homes as crowded.

7. Modern living conveniences are found much less frequently in the homes of recipients of old age assistance than in other homes. This is especially true of plumbing facilities. Only 16 per cent of the recipients have telephone service in the homes in which they live, the report indicated.



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It is surprising how few gardens make use of mulches as an aid in the conservation of moisture and the control of weeds. A mulch may be any material such as hay, straw, strawy manure, leaves, leafmold, peat, sawdust, pine straw, or paper, which is put down on the ground around plants for the purpose of conserving moisture during the hot, dry summer weather.

At the same time a mulch will keep down most of the weeds. It has been reported that one enterprising gardener collected all the cardboard boxes he could get at the store, flattened them out, and put them on the ground around his plants as a mulch—and the results were excellent. I have used regular mulching paper in my own garden with good results. It even

smothered out bermuda and nut grass. Many vegetables, flowers, small fruits and shrubs are good subjects for mulching. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and cucumbers may be mulched with straw, leaves, or paper. Azaleas, camellias, and blue berries, which desire an acid soil may be mulched with sawdust, leafmold or peat. Red raspberries, dewberries, and grapes may be mulched with straw or strawy manure.

In all cases the mulch should be applied after the soil has been well moistened by rain or irrigation. If fertilizer is necessary it also should be applied before the mulch is laid down.

You will find that in small gardens a mulch will help solve many of your cultural problems.

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Mary Baker Eddy.

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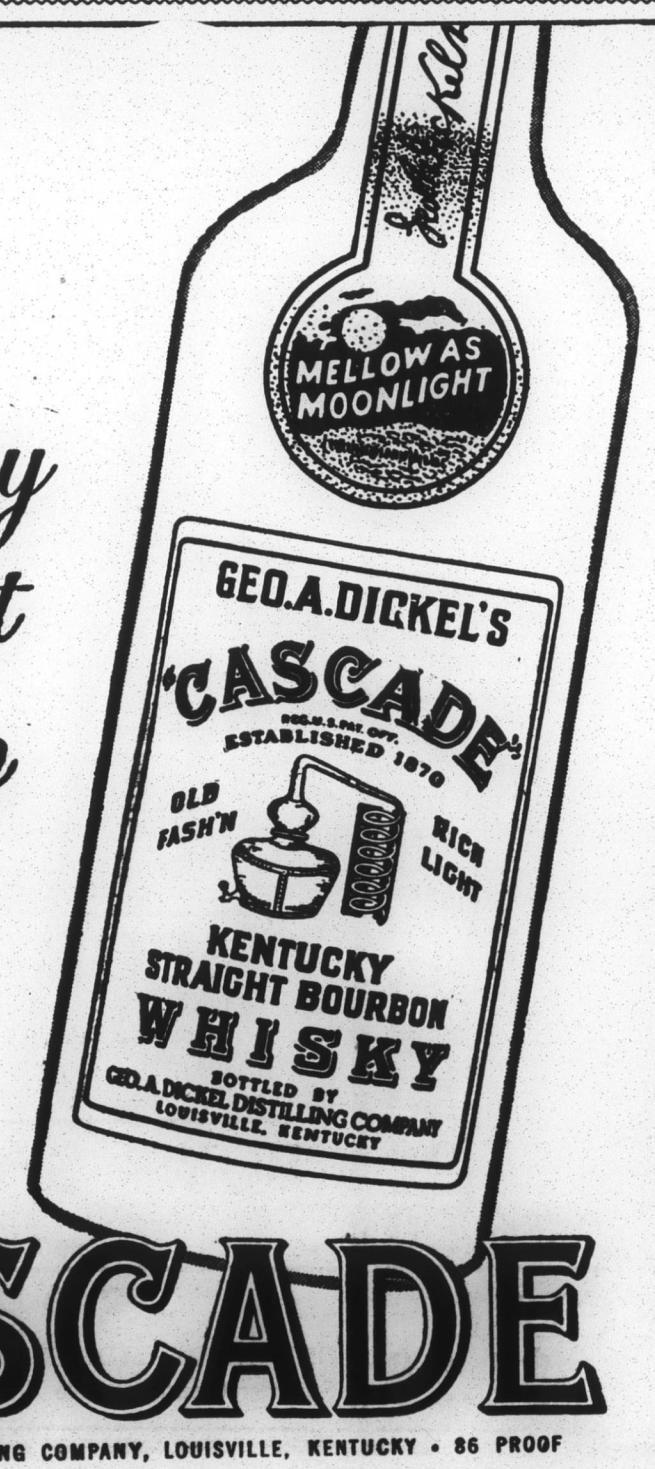
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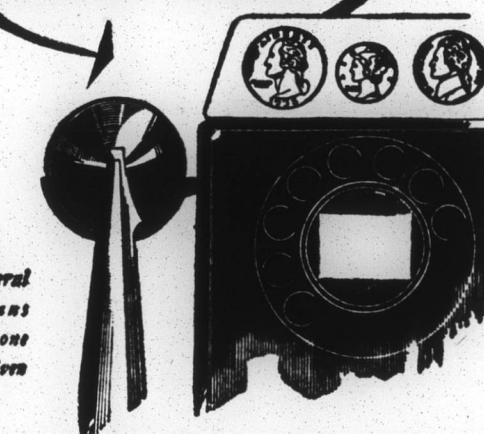
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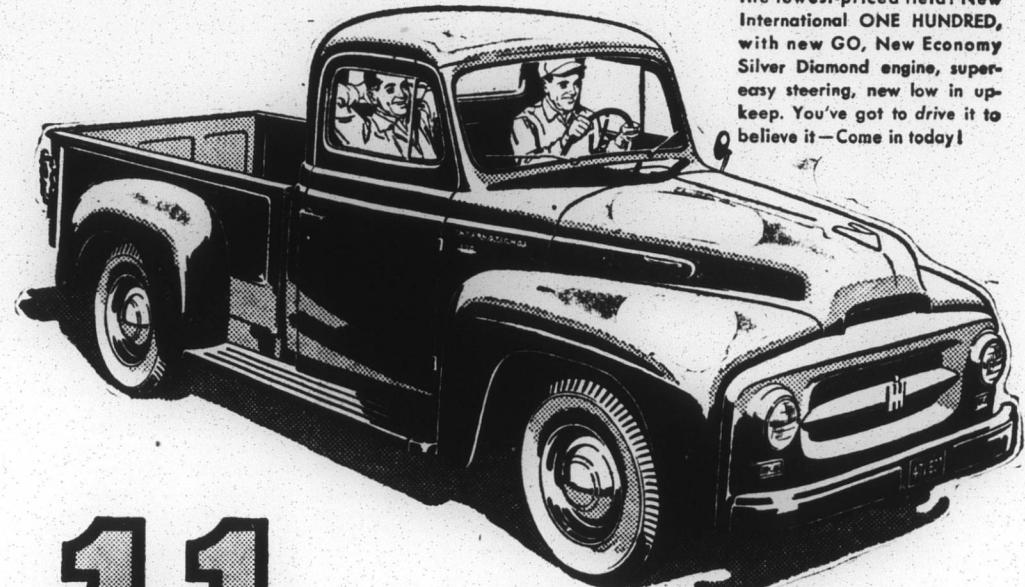
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