Helpless Veterans **Get More Pension**

New Rate of Benefits Became Effective November 1

Helpless veterans who may be entitled to the new increased pension rate of \$120 per month when they need the regular aid and attendance of another person will have to apply by letter to receive it, Veterans Administration said.

There will be no automatic review of cases now on the pension rolls to determine whether they qualify for the increase from the present rates of \$60 and \$72 per month, VA said.

The new rate results from Public Law 149, 82nd Congress, and becomes effective November 1, 1951, for claims filed prior to that date. Where claim is filed after that date, the award becomes effective as of the date of

Pension is payable to war veterans, subject to certain limitations, who become permanently and totally disabled from causes not due to service. The basic rate is \$60, which is increased to \$72 after ten years of continuous receipt or when the veteran reaches age 65.

The new \$120 rate is not applicable during periods when the veteran is being hospitalized or furnished domi-ciliary care by VA. ciliary care by VA.

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

If you have planted a new lawn or have sown ryegrass for a winter ing a State 4-H Club camp is one of lawn, you should be well aware of the fact that the leaves are falling rapidly from he deciduous trees and that they must be raked from the lawn before they smother the young grass. What to do with them?

Many people burn them, but that is a waste of good organic matter which is badly needed in our soils. Save this organic matter by composting the leaves to form leaf mold which may then be dug into the soil or used as

A simple way of making leaf mold is to place a 12-inch layer of leaves on the ground and wet them down. Then apply about one cup of a 6-8-6 fertilizer for each 10 square feet of leaf pile surface. Continue to pile alternate layers of leaves and fertilizer until all of the leaves have been

fertilizer acts as a rotting agent. The pile should be kept continually moist until the leaves have rotted, which should be accomplished in from 8 to 12 months.

If the leaf mold is to be used for the usual garden crops, it will be necessary to add sufficient lime to counteract the acidity of the leaves. If the leaf mold is to be used as a mulch around azaleas, camellias, or other acid loving plants, no lime should be added. Instead of the 6-8-6 fertilizer, any complete fertilizer high in nitrogen may be used as a rotting agent.

If raking and composting leaves seems like a big job, I understand there is a machine on the market that will rake your leaves, grind them up, and spread the ground-up materials back on your lawn or gar-den. That might be the answer to your problem.

COLOR PARADE

The autumn color parade in the mountains of Western North Carolina, which brings thousands of visitors each year to see the color-splashed slopes, has reached its height and should remain good for the next couple of weeks.

Because of extremely dry conditions Forest Service officials are urging travelers to be extremely careful with matches and cigarettes.

"Nickels For Know-How" Sample Ballot

SAMPLE OFFICIAL BALLOT

"Nickels for Know-How" Program for Expanding Agricultural Research

(As authorized by the 1951 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina)

([X] VOTE FOR ONE)

- For adding 5¢ per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for a period of three years for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North
- Against adding 5¢ per ton to the price of feed and fertilizer for a period of three years for supplementing an expanding agricultural research and educational program in North

Ballots like the one shown here will be used in the "Nickels for Know-How" referendum in which farm people will decide whether they are to contribute five cents per ton on feed and fertilizer to support expansion of agricultural research and teaching in the State. All persons who use feed or fertilizer, including wives and husbands as well as 4-H, FFA and NFA members with crop or livestock projects, are eligible to vote. The plan must be approved by two-thirds of those voting to become effective. Proceeds would be turned over to the Agricultural Foundation, Inc., at State College to promote re-search, education and extension work for the benefit of farm people. The referendum will be held Saturday, November 3.

Negro 4-H Group

Citizens of North Carolina are being offered an opportunity to invest in the future of the State's Negro rural youth in the financial drive now according to W. C. Cooper, 4-H Club specialist of A. & T. College, Greens-

If the \$50,000 goal set for the drive is reached, says Cooper, the Foundation will be able to expand the educational work among the State's rural boys and girls.

the top objectives of the Foundation's program. Another is providing college scholarships for advanced training of rural young people.

President of the Foundation is John
H. Wheeler, vice president and cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham. The organization maintains headquarters at A. & T. College.

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Contributions from private sources Drug Store.

and 719 local 4-H Clubs are now be-Conducting Drive of \$50,000.

> "The program of the 4-H Foundation," asserts President Wheeler, "will neither duplicate nor compete with other youth-serving groups or agencies. Those projects requested of the Cooperative Extension Service by rural epople will be the ones undertaken by the Foundation."

Eugene Todd, Bertie County 4-H Club member who produced 126 bushels of corn on one acre last year, is one of the leading contenders for county honors again this year, says County Agent B. E. Grant.

Man Consumes Barrel Of Baking SODA

One man told us he took baking soda for years. Claims he has used ver a barrel of it for stomach gas,

Wheeler describes the Foundation and thus works with your food. It as "an established non-profit, non-helps digest your meals faster, so political educational organization. Its your food doesn't lay there and ferpurpose," he adds, "is to serve our ment. Besides relieving gas, CERTA-rural young people . . . by providing facts, resources and facilities which will help them to prepare for greater production and better, happier livally all over. So don't go on suffering. Get CERTA-VIN at Leggett & Davis



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Vets' Question Box

Q—I am taking a course under the GI Bill for which I now find I have no aptitude at all. Can I still change my course nad thus use up the remaining two years of my GI Bill ensurance nolicy number, and your mili-

A—You may change your course if you can prove to VA that the course to which you desire to change is more in keeping with your aptitudes, previous education, training, or other pertinent factors. You should apply to the VA office having your records

Q—Three years ago, I got a GI business loan which I have repaid. Now I want to buy a home. Am I still entitled to a GI home loan?

A-Yes, you are. The VA office that guaranteed your business loan will be glad to tell you how much of a guarantee you may receive from VA for a GI home loan.

Q—I'm in the Army again and I have a term NSLI policy. I understand that I may apply for a waiver of my entire premium. Is that right? A-This is permitted under the new insurance law enacted by the Congress earlier this year. See your



Insurance Officer for full details. Q-I never did apply for my first

surance policy number, and your mili-tary serial number.

The mile acreage in Stanly County equals the corn average this year.

Digging Of Peanuts Is About Completed

Digging of peanuts is generally nore than 80 per cent complete and threshing will soon be getting under way if the weather remains favorable From the indications of the weather crops reporters in the commercial pea-nut area, the crop is slightly better than reported the previous week.



