

# Club Members Earned By Fletcher

for readjustment allowances for unemployment. About 85,000 or 27.3 per cent of those discharged have filed claims for short periods after which the big majority have gone to work.

"Most of those now drawing benefits will get off gladly as soon as they can find jobs, but I guess some are meaning to stay on by one pretext or another and do not want jobs.

"I wish I could reach everyone of these young veterans with the solemn warning that those who have joined the '52-20 Club' and are contriving to spend a year in idleness will find themselves badly handicapped after the year is over."

The colonel made it clear he didn't think he was talking through his hat.

"Based upon 30 years of experience in the field of government having to do with employment and allied matters," he said, "I predict that when the ride on the gravy train is over and the rocking chair collapses, the riders and the rockers are going to find that all of the good jobs are gone.

"They will be held by the veterans who went to work at the bottom and qualified for them.

"And that is as it should be. Good jobs are for those who work for them and not for those who wait for them, marking time while others are digging in.

"Just living these days is a sort of warfare," Colonel Fletcher noted, "and it is going to be even more so in the future. Every GI who had frontline experience knows that he had to dig his own foxhole. Nobody helped him, for everybody else had his own to dig.

"Dig Own Foxhole."

"That is exactly what is happening today. The wise veteran is digging his own foxhole. My advice to every young veteran is to get a job and get busy on it. It may not be what you want, but it may lead you to what you want.

"Anyway, it is a lot easier," he observed, "to get a job when you've got a job than it is when you're loafing."

Known examples of '52-20 Club members' schemes are as common as stories of WPA workers. Practically ever community in the nation has at least one or two veterans on the 52-20 rolls.

In one instance, a former War captain, assigned by the Army as a personnel officer, declined employment as a bookkeeper, her pre-war occupation, and lived for 15 weeks on the VA's \$20 per week payments and terminal leave savings. In another case typical of the abuses, a discharged Army Signal Corp officer, who had worked before the war as a drugstore clerk, demanded the benefits or a job as a radar specialist.

In both cases, the claimants lacked detail training in the fields in

## Canton Methodist Church Sketches Plans for Growth



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH  
CANTON, N. C.

At the Sunday morning service in the Central Methodist church, Canton, Rev. E. P. Billups, the pastor, will offer plans for the gradual expansion of the church buildings, which included the new Sanctuary and Educational building, pictured above.

The complete program was inaugurated last October when the committee of estimate and finance secured the services of Charles L. Barber, Knoxville architect, to design a new church and educational building to fit on the present site of the church. A new sanctuary would first be constructed and the present church building used afterwards as an educational building, it being replaced at a later date. Total cost of the program under present building conditions is estimated at \$250,000.

However, Rev. Billups proposes that now attention be centered on raising the funds for the Sanctuary, \$100,000. Of this amount \$20,000 already is on hand, and with the approval of the congregation a drive will be instituted to raise the remaining \$80,000. Then, when the membership considers it an appropriate time, the construction of this unit will begin. Separate projects at a later time would complete the program.

### Cemented Uniforms? Army Toys With Idea

WASHINGTON. — The Army Quartermaster is toying with the idea of using cement in place of thread to close the seams of uniforms and tents.

The War Department reported that research has started to develop adhesives that will stand up under all conditions, including military laundry treatments as well as extremes of heat and cold.

World War II showed, the War Department said, that sewn seams are weak spots in military clothing. Stitching failures appeared in 59 per cent of the garments examined.

which they allegedly were seeking employment. Unable to place either the man or woman on any job similar to their military specialties, the USES nevertheless had no power to require them to accept work-in-line with their true qualifications.

The revised VA regulations, requiring investigation of long term payments, will cut such violations claimed.

The veterans still will have an opportunity to hunt a job in his chosen specialty, Fletcher claimed, but if he has not found the job he feels he should have at the end of a "reasonable" period, he will be required to accept the work the USES provides.

**Growing Feet**  
Specialists say oxfords give best support for growing feet.

### Capital Letters

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Raleigh last Tues. and Wed. There are now 250 Belk stores in eight states, from Ohio to Florida all good, too. Thanks Henry, but that's free. We appreciate your business. Raleigh hears that LeGette Blythe may succeed the late Julian Miller as editor of the Charlotte Observer.

**WHAT'S UP?** People are wondering here what those G. I. Democrats who met at Pinchurst a few days ago are up to. Many outstanding veterans of the State were not even invited. Why not? Mayne Albright, State director of the U. S. Employment Service before and since World War II, seems to be the ring-leader, which prompted one State official and also a veteran to remark: "Is this group being set up to promote the cause of veterans, or just to promote A VETERAN?"

Virtually nobody in Raleigh knew the meeting was going to be held—though it attracted about 50 representatives. But it refused to give the nod of approval to the record of the Democratic party in this state and of course this pleases the Republicans very much. Whatever the goal of this veterans' political group may be, it certainly got off to a bad start. Naturally, that's the opinion here; Albright, really a good guy, is one of the leaders in the GI Democrats—Well, we'll see—just what happens.

**SALES**—The biggest beef cattle dispersal sale ever held in North Carolina will come off at Congressman Bob Doughton's home at Laurel Springs on October 3. At that time 140 purchased Hereford cattle will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. It is expected now that around 3,000 will attend from all the Southern states. There are five champions in the lot and several offspring of champions.

**NOTES**—Toddle House, Raleigh eating place, sold Legislator LeRoy Allen some waffles last week, served also with them. Though no also sign was up as required by law, Allen asked why. The manager became angry. Now he is toddling to court—unless settlement is made some other way—that's the report. It now looks as if one Wake County Farmer will have a yield of 150 bushels of corn to the acre this year. Yes, it's as thick as cane—about four inches apart—and he poured the nitrogen to it. The State average yield for corn is 25 bushels per acre.

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An AMG loan covered the original capitalization.

### One Placed In Class I-A Then Volunteered

One reclassification was made during the week by the local draft board, with the placing of John Dan Wilson, Jr. in class I-A. Young Wilson in the meantime volunteered and left Tuesday for his pre-induction physical examination at Fort Bragg.

### Bethel Farmer Offers To Help Some Ex-GI

V. G. Moody, a farmer in the Bethel section, has made an offer that should please some returned servicemen.

Having read an article recently about the Farm Ownership plan of the Farm Security Administration under which ex-GIs can purchase a farm of their own, he noticed that one of their biggest problems was to find suitable land that is for sale. Mr. Moody, who is getting near retirement age, got in touch with Joseph McDarris, Haywood FSA supervisor, and told him that he would sell his 30-acre farm—but only to an ex-GI.

Mr. McDarris commends Mr. Moody on his offer, and feels that it will not be long until some former serviceman uses it to settle down on his life's work on his own farm.

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