

Few Servicemen Exhaust GI Allowances

RALEIGH, Oct. 9—Only 1.51 percent of the approximately 321,000 North Carolina veterans of World War II who had been discharged by September 1 had exhausted their servicemen's readjustment allowances by that date, whether they were eligible for only eight weeks or the full 52 weeks of benefits, it is learned from figures released by Henry E. Kendall, Chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation commission.

Veterans with as much as 90 days of service are eligible to draw unemployment allowances up to 24 weeks and it takes nine months and 16 days to make them eligible to draw the full 52 weeks of allowances, Chairman Kendall points out. Only a small percentage of the 1,373 veterans who have exhausted their allowances are believed to have been eligible for allowances for the maximum period of 52 weeks.

Of the 321,000 North Carolina veterans released by September 1, 91,000 had filed claims for unemployment allowances, or 28.35 percent of the number released. It is obvious that a sizable portion of those filing their first claim at the end of the week of claims did not file a compensable unemployment and did not receive allowances. So, it is safe to assume that less than one-fourth of the released veterans have actually drawn benefits.

In the two years of operation of the servicemen's readjustment allowances program, from September, 1944, through August, 1946, records show that 905,963 continued claims had been filed by unemployed veterans. The continued claims filed in the state during the first eight months of 1946, period of the greatest activity, reached 508,108, an average of 14,517 each week, or an average of 145 for each of the 100 counties each week.

North Carolina veterans, eligible for unemployment allowances, have drawn benefits for an average of slightly less than 10 weeks each, actually 9.96 weeks, since the program started, Chairman Kendall reports.

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sends missionaries to all parts of the world.

Because our country is Christian we want all the other countries to be Christian too.

We could be better Christians if we took all the opportunities and if leaders put their trust in God and looked to him for guidance.

Winston Riddle.

Praise Work Of Handicapped Vets

RALEIGH, Oct. 9—"National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," being observed this week as a result of proclamations by President Truman and Governor Cherry, is designed to bring to the attention of all employers in North Carolina their responsibility for offering job opportunities to handicapped veterans of World Wars I and II, it is explained by R. C. Godwin, State Veterans Employment Representative.

Veterans, handicapped by war injuries, are capable of doing many kinds of work in which their handicaps will not interfere with their performance. In fact, Mr. Godwin states, that by stressing their abilities, rather than their disabilities, the handicapped workers have demonstrated that, as compared with able-bodied persons, they have a low turn-over rate, low absenteeism rates, high efficiency rates and low accident rates.

Employers have a two-fold opportunity by employing handicapped workers. Employers who give jobs to handicapped workers which fit the abilities of the workers can rest assured that they will be rewarded by better-than-average performance. They are also expressing their appreciation and confidence in the men who have demonstrated that they deserve the best that can be offered them.

Mr. Godwin is urging all employers of the State, large and small to list their job needs with the local USES offices, in order that disabled veteran applicants may be given opportunities for work in their local communities.

"Employers of North Carolina have demonstrated their patriotism and loyalty in many instances during the trying war years and in our post-war efforts to return to prosperity and plenty, and I am sure they are willing to cooperate now in our campaign to present every opportunity to every disabled veteran for gainful employment," said Mr. Godwin.

WOMAN'S WORLD

Are You Tired of Your Old Coat? Give It New Life by Remodeling

By Erta Haley

IF YOU'VE decided that your spring or fall coats have given you just about all the wear they will as coats, but that the fabric is still strong and durable, they can be converted into attractive suits, skirts or jackets.

As long as there is still an apparent scarcity of good woolsens, you will be well repaid for any effort you spend on the reconversion of old coats into useful and even smart clothing.

Practically speaking, there is enough material in almost any good coat for at least a skirt, and very often a short jacket. It's not even tedious work to do this remodeling if you will space out the work carefully, instead of trying to do the whole thing at once.

The time spent on sewing depends upon your own individual skill. It can be completed in an afternoon, but what's the rush? Take it slowly, because your reward will be a brand new outfit that no one would recognize as a made-over.

Choose Style to Fit Material on Hand

Naturally when you are remodeling you will be somewhat—but not too much limited—in what you can do with the material you have. If the coat has no seams in the back the job is an easy one because this can be used for the back of the skirt. If the coat is gored or pleated, select a pattern you can adapt accordingly.

Because of the coat opening in front you will want a skirt that has several sections in front—at least two. You can of course have a center pleat or center seam if you wish.



If you have an old coat...

You will find in many cases that a jacket can be made simply by refitting the top and cutting the sleeves down to three-quarter length. How is this possible? Well, if you've noticed the styles now being shown, you'll see lots of short jackets, and lots of figure-hugging ones which make them adaptable for this type of remodeling.

Once the lining has been removed from the coat there will usually be ample space in one of these coats for this kind of jacket.

Woolens Combine Easily With Other Colors

If you find that you just can't make a jacket out of your coat in addition to the skirt, then select a lovely bright color—or dark one to go with it as a jacket. Some of the lovely combinations you see are black skirts with fuchsia or purple jackets, gray with kelly green, brown with toast or cinnamon or beige, black with beige or green. Tweeds combine especially well with bright green or blue.

Even if you find that extra material is necessary to make a jacket for the skirt, the material you have already used besides the economy of home sewing will work such an economy on the outfit that any small outlay of money is well worth the effort.



Convert it into a suit.

If you have purchased the coat to go with a skirt—they were selling coat and skirt sets some time ago—then use the coat for making the jacket.

As I've said several times, woolens wear extremely well, and since they take colors with a great deal of ease, you can probably use the fabric easily after cleaning. How-

Weskut Suit



A navy wool suit with weskut points for the jacket brings to the fore the new mode in suits. A white crepe gilet completes the ensemble.

ever, should you discover spots or streaks of fading in the coat, turn the fabric to the wrong side and use that.

Fading won't occur, of course, on the darker fabrics or tweeds, but blue and green pastel coats may show some traces of fading. You'll find that the weave on the wrong side, though not as smooth as on the side already used, is perfectly usable and serviceable.

If you are using an old coat for a jacket and find that the edges and buttonholes are worn, try a contrasting color for piping the opening and make buttonholes in that. A very good idea for this would be to use some fabric from the same material as the skirt as this would tie the outfit together.

Take as much care in remodeling as you would with details on a new fabric; otherwise, it's foolish to put your time into the sewing. All seams should be pinked or otherwise finished so there is no raveling of the material when you begin sewing and wearing the clothing.

If you want to add decorative touches to the coat, find some interesting buttons or pins. You may even have some nice fur that could go to the collar and cuffs. Or, if you have only fluffs of nice fur, have the tailor make them into pom-poms or similar decoration for you and use them as you would a pin.

Spiteful Spots

Remove spots as soon as possible after they are made since the stain seeps deep into the fiber if allowed to stand in the garment. Often it is difficult if not impossible to remove these same spots later.

Fruit stains, blood stains and other stains which do not contain grease will often yield to a water or soap and water treatment easily. Heavy grease, lipstick, etc., will not usually respond to ordinary cleaning agents. Use one of the following on them: benzene, carbon tetrachloride, gasoline or specially prepared cleaning fluid. Keep these substances away from flame because they are very inflammable.

If you get a cigarette burn on wool and it does not go beneath the surface, brush with sandpaper, unless the wool is white.

Never use too much cleaning fluid for home cleaning. This will leave a ring in the garment and may be difficult to remove.

Use cleaning fluid on a garment set over a blotter or any other very absorbent material. Saturate a small piece of lintless fabric in the fluid and brush with light movements. After the stain disappears, brush with a dry cloth and let the garment hang to dry.

Fashion Forecast

The draped toe effect is very popular in some shoes, and the high wedge heel is really something in the way of comfort. Both are lovely and graceful to behold.

Jumper dresses have a new slant this year. The yoke treatment on them is new and different, and many have sleeves of a contrasting color so that the dress will still look like a jumper.

Some dresses have hemlines dipping in back, some on the side, and some in both places.

Sally Victor likes molding brimless bonnets and adds feathers swirling gracefully to fit the contour of the face.

To add sparkle to these close-to-the-head hats, rhinestones and feathers are sometimes introduced as a decorative feature.

Officers For Red Cross Nominated

The nominating committee, of which Principal Tom Nesbitt is chairman, has presented the following slate of officers and representatives from outlying areas: chairman of chapter Thomas S. Sharp, vice chairman Dr. Hubert Clapp, secretary Mrs. W. H. Styles, treasurer William Hickey, Riceville, Otten, D. L. Creasman and Mrs. Nedra Creasman, North Fork, Thad Burnett, Montreat, Rev. W. M. Armstead, Ridgecrest, Paul Harris, Broad River, Emil Kirstein.

The election will be held at the annual meeting Monday, October 14, 7:30 p. m., at the Black Mountain Methodist church. There also will be a special service at which recognition will be given volunteer workers who have served with distinction this past year. W. D. Dibrell, general field representative will present the awards.

Joel C. McCurry Red Cross Field Director recently returned from the Mediterranean area will tell of experiences and special Red Cross services which have been rendered.

All citizens of the three townships Swannanoa, Black Mountain and Broad River are invited.

MIXING CONCRETE

Too much water in proportion to the amount of cement when mixing concrete greatly reduces the strength, durability and watertightness of the concrete. Concrete should never be mixed so thin it can be easily poured. It should always be mixed thick enough so that some tamping or spading is required to produce a dense, thick, smooth surface. In the concrete mix, cement and water form a paste, which upon hardening, forms the binder that holds the sand and gravel particles together in a solid mass. Too much water thins and dilutes the paste, weakening its cementing qualities. The amount of water to use varies according to the type of concrete work being done and the moisture in the sand. If ordinarily damp sand and gravel are being used, no more than 5 gallons of water per sack of cement should be used for water tight concrete. No more than 6 gallons of water per sack of cement should be used in concrete for foundations, footings, or where the concrete is not subject to weather, wear or water.

COOL SPOT IS BIG NEED IN STORING CANNED GOODS

Canning is hard work, as any of the home demonstration club canning champions will testify. That's why the food preservation specialists with the State college Extension service urge the club women to store their canned goods carefully.

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Mrs. Zeb Sawyer Has Colorado Visitor

Mrs. Gladys Bowles of Colorado Springs, Colo., is here for a visit with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Sawyer. Mrs. Bowles flew from Denver and was met at the Asheville-Hendersonville airport by her sister who brought her to Black Mountain for her first visit in two years.

Secretary for the 15th Airforce at Colorado Springs, the visitor was honored Sunday by a dinner at the Sawyer's home. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Sawyer and daughters Ann and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Anders and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gregg and son of Asheville.

Ten Tips For Home Nurses

Red Cross nursing instructors, along with the rudimentary skills of nursing, teach the ten commandments of home care of the sick which can be followed with benefit by every home maker:

1. Put the patient to bed.
2. Keep other members of the family away from him.
3. Keep him quiet.
4. Take his temperature.
5. Ascertain location of pain.
6. Call doctor and report temperature and symptoms.
7. Give no cathartics or other drugs until instructed by doctor.
8. Wash the hands after ministering to patient.
9. Follow the doctor's orders.
10. Report progress to doctor at intervals.

The Veterans Administration has ruled that American citizens who served in Canada's armed forces during World War II are entitled to guaranteed loans under the GI Bill of Rights.

Patronize Your Local Merchants

Rev. Baucom Returns From Kinston Meeting

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Baucom Friday returned from Kinston, N. C., where they attended a call meeting of the trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Orphanage. The Rev. Mr. Baucom has been a trustee for the past eight years.

They were accompanied to Kinston by Mrs. Kinsey who continued on to Fort Barnwell to visit friends.

At Kinston the trustees spent the night at the Kennedy home the land for which was donated to the Baptist of North Carolina by the man for whom it is named. Consisting of 1200 acres the farm will produce close to 6,000 bushels of corn this year, has 100 head of white hereford cattle, and 25 holsteins. A large part of the work on the farm, in the dairy, and in the home is done by the children who receive a quart of milk daily.

The visitors were served by the senior girls during meals and on Monday evening were entertained by a girls' chorus in the home of the superintendent W. C. Reed.

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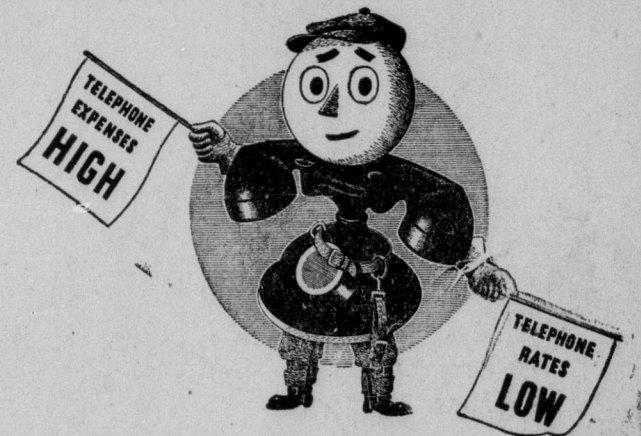
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the amount of money paid out to provide service is increasing faster than the amount taken in. Telephone earnings today are the lowest in our history in face of a record volume of business.

Southern Bell has applied for an increase of rates on business telephones to help meet this condition. Authority is also being sought for an increase of 5 cents on most long distance calls within the state.

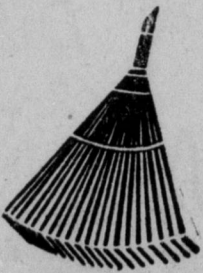
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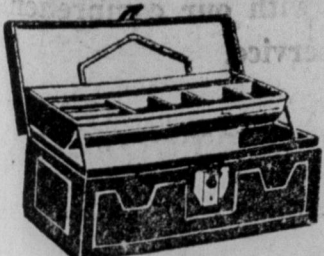
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