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RETURN VISITS  
TO COUNSELING CENTERS  
ARE 40% OF CALLS

Over 40 per cent of calls at counseling centers in the state during February and March were repeat visits according to a report released this week by the Michigan Office of Veterans' Affairs. This report proves that the average veteran desires information about his educational and vocational opportunities under the various Federal legislative acts before anything else.

An average of 1000 ex-service men and women contact veterans' counselors throughout the state more than 150 centers in the state daily. The largest center had over 5,000 callers last month; the smallest, seven. But of those seven, three wanted to know about more training for a better job.

Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers all recognize the value of the veterans' counseling center — every twelfth person visiting a center is a parent or relative of a veteran.

Questions counselors answered last month ranged from how to "convert insurance to the best way to buy a farm. Over 5,000 different questions were answered during February and during that month nearly 2,500 letters were written by counselors. The Michigan Office of Veterans' Affairs in cooperation with the local counselors throughout the state is operating the equivalent of a one-hundred-fifty bed hospital if all the emergency hospitalization cases could be placed in one building.

On any veteran problem, consult the local veterans' counselor.



Among those who have recently received their honorable discharge from the Navy are Bill R. Kelm, BM 2/c of 20217 Anglin Road; Carl L. Hanson, ARM 2/c of 28115 Greening Street; Ernest E. Mitchell, RM 2/c of 34101 Oakland Road; W. P. Sonnenberg, Jr., MM 2/c of 21502 Candorine Street; Donald P. Rickrode, MM 2/c of 22029 Farmington Road; Harry C. Schofer, S 1/c of 29100 Hulse Road and Robert O. Dix, F 1/c of 32310 Grand River.

Mr. Paul Hofmann has received his discharge from the Army and has been transferred from the Jerry Jones Hospital to the Vaughn General Hospital, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Pvt. Conrad J. H. is transferred to Parris Island where he is stationed with the Marine Band after having spent a fifteen day furlough at home. His wife, the former Joyce Lussenden, returned with him and will stay in Beaufort, South Carolina, near the base.

## Arctic Plants

Some plants, such as cabbages, grow faster and bigger in parts of the Arctic than they do in the temperate zone or the tropics. Possible explanation is that the daylight is continuous during the Arctic summer, providing more growing time; at Fort Yukon, Alaska, on a day that varies from 65 degrees F. to 95 degrees F. there would be as much growing time as in two ordinary days in the tropics.

## Soybean Production

Soybean cultivation, pioneered in 1924 by the Slay Manufacturing company of Decatur, Ill., has made Illinois the nation's largest producer, with an estimated 1945 crop of 71,280,000 bushels.

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Ridgewood Group Holds  
Fourth Dinner Meeting

All thirty members of Ridgewood attended the fourth dinner meeting held April 11 in the Lafayette Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit. Following dinner and committee reports by Dan Abbey, Al Hall and Edna Smith covering building, utilities and

school, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Richard B. Pollman, designer.

Mr. Pollman presented his ideas of a home for "convenient living" showing how one can, through good space engineering, combine rooms in the activities, work and rest areas to provide maximum restful living and play at lowest cost. The speaker illustrated how the functions of the conventional basement, such as the fruit room,

heating, storage and recreation room, can be incorporated in rooms on the ground floor with the introduction of new laundry, storage and heating methods.

A picnic was planned for mid-July to be followed by a dinner meeting in October.

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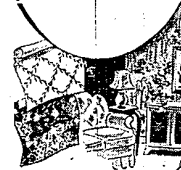
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