

A College Education In 3 Years

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It's not widely known, but youngsters can easily finish college in three years.

The simple secret: summer study.
By attending college for three summers in addition to the regular terms, a student can wrap up a degree in three years rather than the usual four.

Dr. James E. Stone, summer sessions director at Appalachian State Teachers College, points out the obvious advantage—one begins his vocation a year earlier, gaining in experience plus the year's earnings.

A teacher, for example, pockets \$3,000 to \$5,000 his first year, depending on his school's location. An engineer graduate takes in \$4,000 to \$8,000. Those entering other professions come out ahead with similar earnings.

Why do most people think of college as a nine-month proposition?

It's tradition, Dr. Stone thinks. Our country began as an agrarian nation, he explains. Schools and colleges at first adjusted their schedules to allow students to be on family farms in summer to help with chores.

Agriculture, however, ranks no longer as the principal American pursuit. It's industrial. Even North Carolina with the most farms of any state is fast turning from rural to urban.

Therefore, the youngsters aren't needed like they used to be. Still many thousands of collegians each summer take off three months to play and frolic.

Others, however, work to earn money for next year's college expenses. This is commendable and for some may be the only way, Dr. Stone observes. But he wonders if the average college student might not pocket more cash in the long run by borrowing money, even at six per cent, to attend college for three summers and thereby finishing a year earlier.

With a college degree, the young man will probably far top his earnings during summers and allow him to clear the table even after paying off the loan and interest.

More and more students, however, are realizing the summer study opportunities and attend col-



IMPROVEMENT.—The cold weather this week halted progress on the back entrance to the Boone Post Office. The driveway, entered from Queen Street, is expected to aid in getting the highway post-offices into the parking lot of the local post office, Ralph Greene, acting postmaster said. The buses will be able to drive in forward

and not halt traffic on King Street while getting onto the lot. Mr. Greene stated that other patrons who need to bring or load mail at the post office would be allowed to use the new driveway also. The main entrance will still be open Mr. Greene said, but he expects most users to enter from the back.—Staff photo by Joe Minor.

lege year-round, says the professor. At Appalachian State Teachers College, for example, summer enrollment is 80 per cent of the regular term.

Appalachian's percentage ranks higher than at most colleges and universities, Dr. Stone admits. This he attributes in part to the college's mountain location. The scenery and coolness of the Blue Ridge Mountains in summer attract not only undergraduates but an almost equal number of graduate students returning for advance work.

A record-breaking 3,000 last summer registered for study at Appalachian, reports Dr. Stone. And enrollment increased at practically all other colleges and universities offering summer work.

Connecticut court upholds birth control curbs.

Emergency Planning Group Holds Organizational Meeting

The Watauga County Emergency Planning Committee held its first organizational meeting Friday. Members of this committee are: Howard J. Williams, SCS, chairman; M. L. Shepherd, ASC; L. E. Tuckwiler, County Agricultural Agent; and J. B. Robinson, FHA.

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced the establishment within the U. S. Department of Agriculture of an emergency organization structure and assignment of emergency planning activities essential to meet food needs and other agricultural requirements of the nation in a time of national crisis. Under the plan, USDA emergency planning committees are established at the state and county levels.

This action is to help carry out the department's emergency responsibilities under the National Plan for Civil Defense and Defense Mobilization, promulgated by the President.

A major objective of the plan, the Secretary stated, was the development of "built-in-readiness".

intergrating, insofar as feasible, defense planning as a part of regular and continuing programs and activities.

This committee will meet from time to time at the call of the State Chairman as emergency conditions may arise.

FLOATING MESSAGES

Piedmont, Ala. — Though some might cast bread upon the waters, the Rev. Jewel Pierce believes in tossing in a bottle now and then. "The bottle and water preacher" of Piedmont is known in at least 29 states and eight foreign countries.

His contact with the world is by means of bits of scripture which he seals in bottles and drops into the Coosa River.

IN JEST

City feller: "You say this is healthy country? What's the death rate out here?"
Local wit: "One to a person."

Yugoslavia rules out diplomacy in Poland.

Clues Given Buying Pants

To earn the best possible mileage from your pants investment, there's an inside story of quality as well as the outside one of basic good appearance to be considered. Here's where inside sleuthing produces the important clues standing for quality tailoring that represents a "good buy":

1. Seams—There are no raw seam edges. The quality seam is pressed flat, eliminating bulk and making alterations easier. In the seat back, the seam allowance is generous all the way down to allow for letting out if good living should result in Pop needing more seat room.

2. Pockets—Deep and roomy, of sturdy cotton drill; they are double-stitched for added strength to stand up for the usual collections of nails, knives, and change. It is important that the word Sanforized is stamped on the pocket drill.

3. Waistband—Here, again, the Sanforized stamp on the lining is a promise against any uncomfortable waistline cinching from shrinkage.

4. Belts—Often interlined for a firm shape so they won't "curl" in action.

5. Darts—Bias darts from the waistband down into the back pockets give a trim shapely line.

Take your time in checking off all the important quality points, inside and out, for a lasting reward of the best in comfort, good looks, fit and durability.

HOT LOVE SCENE

Detroit—As the actors went into a torrid love scene, the film burst into flame in a local movie house. The assistant manager said the love scene had nothing to do with the blaze.

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By E. H. SIMS

Why does a cooling of the air often produce clouds?

The air always contains a certain amount of moisture. When there are no clouds in the sky, the moisture is invisible, but it is there. Cooling condenses air and reduces its capacity to retain water.

In doing so, the invisible water particles in the air become relatively greater in content, and finally become visible droplets of moisture. A cloud, then, is the result of cooling of air, which changes invisible moisture into visible form.

This cooling process also produces fog—the lowest of the clouds. The sun's heating of the earth, which, in turn, heats the air above it, which rises and is cooled in the higher altitude, causes the formation of most clouds.

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U. S. PROTEST

The United States Government has filed a strongly worded protest in Havana against the execution of three American citizens in Cuba last month.

A diplomatic note delivered to the Castro Government charged that Cuban authorities had imposed the death sentence on the three men more for their nationality than for their offense.

Senator Fulbright (D. Ark.) says he doubts NATO will become a nuclear power of its own next month.

There has been a proposal that the United States, at the NATO ministers meeting, sponsor a plan for nuclear arms under direct NATO control.

He doubts that it can be solved before the ministers' meeting in mid-December.



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