

# Says Any Qualified Person Can Enter College—No Cash

The day has arrived when any qualified person without a nickel in his pocket can go to college, says Dr. Howard R. Boozer, director of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education.

The gateway for this opportunity was opened last November 8 when President Johnson signed the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Title IV of the Act provides for student assistance in three main ways: (1) scholarship grants, (2) guaranteed reduced interest loans and (3) part-time jobs.

By taking advantage of one or more of these benefits, an eligible person can meet expenses at nearly any college.

Their availability marks a major advance in the American dream of equality of opportunity. The benefits are not "hand-outs," however. The Government who offers help on the propositional basis: "want it—earn it."

How, then, does the person wanting college go about earning it?

Dr. Boozer describes the procedure in North Carolina.

Inquiries concerning student assistance should be made of the financial aid officer of the college which one attends or wishes to attend.

As the processing agent of applications for assistance at his institution, the financial aid officer is the pivot man for working out required details.

It is unnecessary to contact other persons or agencies about the assistance program, says Dr. Boozer. All college financial aid officers should have complete information.

Specific facts about the three kinds of assistance available: **Scholarship Grants**

Annual scholarships, called educational opportunity grants, range from \$200 to \$1,000 a year. They will be available this fall. The only criteria for eligibility are need and ability as judged by the institutions.

**Loans**  
The student loan program guarantees low-interest loans up to \$1,000 a year for undergraduates and \$1,500 for graduate students of parents whose adjusted annual income (based on size of family) is less than

\$15,000. It aims at helping youngsters from middle and upper-middle income families who increasingly are feeling the squeeze of rising educational costs.

Loans are available now.

**Part-time Jobs**  
"Work-while-you-learn" jobs (work-study program) pay students a basic rate of \$1.25 an hour but can go up for highly specialized work. The average earning a year is \$500.

All needy students are eligible, not just those from low-income (\$3,000 a year or less) families as was formerly the case. Students from the low-income families will still be given first preference to jobs, however.

Jobs are available now at most institutions.

Students may work up to 15 hours a week while attending college full time, and during the summer they may work full time on a 40-hour week basis. Work may be either for the college or for an approved off-campus non-profit agency.

Twenty-four colleges in the state have signed letters of intent to work with the Welfare Department as a coordinator.

Approximately 200 students have applied through the Welfare Department for summer work. Over 123 kinds of jobs have been identified as available. Local agencies desiring to employ students should contact T. A. Guiton through the North Carolina Welfare Department, Raleigh.

**Loan Forgiveness**  
Part D of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 amends the National Defense Education Act of 1958 to provide a "forgiveness" increase to 15 per cent a year for each year in which a student borrower teaches in a "hardship" elementary or secondary school.

This means that a teacher can clear his whole obligation to the NDEA loan program without repayment by teaching for seven years in a school designated by the U. S. Commissioner of Education as having a high concentration of students from poverty-stricken families.

All benefits of the student assistance provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 add up to one point: money no longer is a stumbling block to a person who wants to go to college.



**GIORGIO CIOMPI**, guest artist and violin soloist, performs during concert by the North Carolina Little Symphony. The Little Symphony, under the direction of Benjamin Swalin, performed on the Lees-McRae College campus. The performance was received by an appreciative audience.

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# Development Plans For Northwest N. C. Discussed By Association

The Travel and Recreation divisions of the Northwest N. C. Development Association, with Mrs. Doris Potter as chairman, met at the Elk's Club in North Wilkesboro March 2 to discuss plans for development of the various areas in this part of North Carolina.

Watauga County and the Chamber of Commerce were represented by Randy Phillips, Bill Shepherd and Col. Clyde C. Miller.

Personnel from 11 counties were there and took part in the discussion.

A working committee representing all counties will furnish an inventory of what recreational and historical sites are present in communities of each county and will arrange publication of the information.

One of the focal points of the committee's work in Watauga will be Meat Camp: To locate, mark and publicize the early pioneer camp that gave the name to the community. It was in this hunters' camp that provisions were cached for traveling hunters.

Methodists should be interested in the location of the Jackson Meeting House, where Methodism in this area was born and Bishop Henry once preached.

In everyday operation is one of the old pioneer water-operated mills, Winebarger Mill on Meat Camp Creek, where corn,

wheat, rye and buckwheat products are produced daily.

The survey is expected to reveal how many old-time country stores there are in this township.

Reports from each township and community in such matters are solicited by the Chamber of Commerce at 617 E. King St., Boone, 264-2225. All information will be appreciated.

# Distaff Deeds

BY JANICE R. CHRISTENSEN

**Antique Own Furniture**

Lots of trunks and old furniture are coming out of the attics in Ashe County since Home Demonstration Club women learned to do over old trunks and to antique their own furniture.

Mrs. Glenn Little of Jefferson found this a wonderful way to fill in the long days when she was snowed in. She has done over an old trunk, picture frame, radio table, thread case, and coffee mill, Mrs. Jane Davidson, home economics extension agent, reports.

Another club member says, "This is the first time in my life I wished I owned more old furniture, so I could antique it."

**Home Tailoring**

Jemima James, Hunnicutt Ave., Elizabeth City, continues to use information she learned in an Extension tailoring workshop several years ago, Mrs. Elsie Whaley, extension home economics agent, Pasquotank County, observes.

At present, Miss James is

tailoring a full length coat to match a skirt she made. She has tailored three suits this winter.

**Adopt Korean Child**

Lincoln County Home Demonstration Club members have adopted a Korean child, An Woon Ja. Extension home economics agents, report club members will pay about \$200 a year for her support. This will be used for clothing, bedding, grooming and health supplies, and \$8 a month spending money.

"An Woon Ja seems to be an intelligent, attractive, and enthusiastic girl," her adopted mothers report. They plan to correspond with her throughout the year.

**Keep Rugs in Place**

The best time to avoid accidents is before they happen. To keep small scatter rugs from sliding, Mrs. Margaret Love, assistant home economics extension agent, Onslow County, suggests you baste or tape pieces of foam rubber or rubber jar rings on the wrong side of the rug at all corners.

# Southern Bell Plans Record Spending

Southern Bell Telephone Company today announced that it plans to spend a record \$46 million in 1966 to provide more and better telephone service to North Carolina.

"This level of capital spending would be about \$3 million more than was spent in 1965, a record year in itself," said John J. Ryan, vice president and general manager for North Carolina.

"This will be the fifth consecutive year that our expenditures have increased to a new high level," Ryan said. "This reflects the continuous growth and progress of North Carolina," he added.

"Telephone demand throughout the state continues heavy, requiring very heavy capital investments for the present and future and earnings that will support the raising of the necessary capital."

He said the \$46 million to be spent in 1966 would "help stimulate and support North Carolina's economic progress as well as provide the telephone service that aids any economy."

Southern Bell serves 881,117 telephones in North Carolina now and expects to serve 933,117 by the end of 1966.

Of the \$46 million, Ryan said, about \$14 million is expected to be spent for new central office equipment, \$3.7 million for land and new or enlarged buildings, and \$27 million for cables, poles and supplies for outside plant.

"These are the things people can easily see and appreciate," Ryan noted, "but much of our expenditure will go into things not so noticeable which will improve and expand telephone service, such as improvement of transmission and switching reliability."

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