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If you've ever dreamed of being in Paris in the spring or England in fall or Scandinavia for the ski season, and then looked at your piggy bank and sighed, consider how you can get there by cashing in on your school books.

All you have to be is a top student to see the world. As an exchange student from America you can choose your country, apply for the scholarship, and keep your fingers crossed.

Such a break came to pretty Elaine Smith, 20, a Queens College student, now enroute on the big ship Queen Mary to France. Elaine, one of 242 students going to France on a Fulbright scholarship, says that any bright college student who uses her noggin may have a similar adventure. Says she:

"I was lucky to win the French trip because there are so many competing for that country. Egypt and Iran are two countries that go begging. It seems all the kids want to go to France. Every student should talk to the dean of her school and inquire as to the qualifications. It'll be well worth the effort."

Elaine, who loves music and art, majored in psychology and applied to study literature and research abroad. After an interview by a faculty member she just kept her fingers crossed, and presto she was elected one of the lucky students.

Her year abroad will reward her with museums, art centers, music. "Every European town has a good theatre and orchestra," says Elaine. Her scholarship insures her a modest living allowance in addition to tuition.

When she arrives at the University of Bordeaux, after her indoctrination in Paris, they will arrange for her to live with a French family. This idea she adores since it will give her an opportunity to improve her high school and college French. Another thing Elaine will enjoy is relaxation. Says she: "Everything in America is rush-rush. But from all I've heard and read the French appreciate leisure time — relaxation over food, recreation, etc., and I'm looking forward to it."

Elaine knows that she will work hard, too — and she wants to. She anticipates going to the University of Berkeley (Calif.) when she returns. She knows, too, that France isn't going to be all cultural and fun. She is prepared for no central heating with warm nightclothes and woolen underwear for a rough winter. She knows too that she might bathe in a wooden tub and live primitively with her French family. The social life, however, might be smarter than here. Says she: "Simple clothes are in order for daytime wear, but I understand when a French girl goes out she really shines. On these happy occasions one really dresses to the teeth."

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Employment Office Gets 72 New Applications

During the month of September, the local office of the State Employment Security Commission, Morehead City, received 72 new applications for employment, making a total of 235. Of these, 16 were women and 27 were veterans. The office received notification of 159 job openings for September. One hundred sixty-nine persons were placed by the office, and eight jobs are still unfilled.

In the agricultural category, there were 723 placements, 223 of which were women. Most of these placements were for the sweet potato harvest which started in September.

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Mother of Five Graduates Receives Masters Degree

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. (AP) — Mrs. Marie Newsome, 71, has seen all five of her children graduate from college. Three of them also have received master's degrees, and one now is attending Meharry Medical School at Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Newsome has taught school in Hertford and Bertie Counties for 39 years. But in all that time she never had a degree herself. That will be remedied next May. She recently completed requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the summer session of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College.

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Pest for Pest Rules in North

St. Paul (AP)—Northern Minnesota residents are enduring one kind of pest on assurances from entomologists that it will mean relief from another next spring.

Parasite flies, described by State Entomologist T. L. Aamodt as "so numerous as to be temporarily unpleasant" invaded the northern areas on the heels of tent caterpillars.

The caterpillars appeared in greatly reduced numbers this year, largely because of a well-organized campaign. And Aamodt says the parasite flies will invade cocoons the caterpillars spin at this season, killing the caterpillars.

The flies, incidentally, are harmless. The caterpillars live off fresh young vegetation, denuding trees. But Aamodt says they do little permanent damage because they appear early enough so trees can grow another set of leaves.

Police Have Criminal Nicknames on File Too

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—It's no longer considered smart practice in the local underworld to adopt a fancy pseudonym to avoid detection. The next time a criminal says he knew his accomplice only by his nickname, police need only go to a brand-new file in the city hall detective bureau. The file catalogues known criminals by their nicknames.

Some samples in the file are: Skinny George, Fat Garry, Joe the Boob, Pinky Boo Boo, Big Nose, Pretzel, Milky and Choo Choo.

Cats in Pairs

Monrovia, Calif. (AP) — Can you top this? Karen Hadley's year old gray and white cat, Pinky, gave birth to a litter of three sets of twin kittens, with a male and female in each set! One set is tortoise shell, another long-haired gray and white, the third a sort of calico mixture.

In the middle of the 18th Century Sweden produced about a third of the world's iron.

Three Nightgowns Still in Use After 24 Years

OKMULGEE, Okla. (AP)—When Mrs. Mary Holland made three flannel night gowns for her daughter in 1929, she didn't realize just how much wear they would get.

All told, 11 grandchildren, two daughters, one great-granddaughter and one neighbor's child have worn the nighties. They are being taken out once more for Mrs. Holland's daughter-in-law to use for her child. Says Mrs. Holland: "They're plenty frayed and are showing some wear but they have become a tradition with us."

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