

# STATE SCHOOLS OPEN COURSES IN DEFENSE

**Times Special**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Purdue and Notre Dame Universities and Rose Polytechnic Institute are among the 65 engineering colleges throughout the country that are starting intensive training courses for defense industry technicians.

Commissioner of Education John W. Studebaker, who announced the plans, said the Federal Government, with a \$9,000,000 appropriation for the purpose, will pay tuition of the students who must present evidence of previous technical training.

# With Raids Less Frequent, Berlin Theaters Are Packed Again

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BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Amusements in Berlin are rationed—by the Royal Air Force—but on a highly irregular schedule.

You go to the opera in mid-afternoon and if you want to attend the theater you must count on leaving before 8:30 p. m. curfew. At the State Opera, Wagner's Walkure was started recently at 3 p. m. and Goetterdaemmerung had to begin at 2:30 p. m. in order to be ended before darkness brought danger of air raids.

But the curtailment of Berlin amusements by the British bombing raids varies greatly. For a time, when the air raid sirens howled four or five times a week, the capital's amusement business tottered, but now it is back on its feet again and tickets to the movies, theaters, concert halls and opera houses must be purchased days in advance.

Four weeks ago it was different. Theaters were half-filled for the last performance and the spectators looked nervously at watches and jumped noticeably at every loud street noise.

But there have been only two comparatively short alarms in the past three weeks and theaters are playing to full houses again.

Theater-goers have a varied selection. Today's newspapers list three operas—Sicilian Vespers, Manon Lescaut, and Cavalleria Rusticana; musicals such as "The Merry Widow" and "I Married An Angel," and a number of variety shows.

The big cinema event of the week is the premiere of "Bismarck." There is no evidence of English works being barred from the stage here. Shakespeare is played regularly. Richard II is now on.

Propaganda is confined mostly to the movies, although many of the musical reviews manage to work in a few patriotic "jokes." Three anti-semitic films are running currently.

There have been no documentary war films since "Baptism of Fire," but several along the same lines are scheduled for release soon and production charts of the big film companies show a large number of anti-British pictures.

Dancing, except for a brief period in July, has been forbidden since the German armies marched into the low countries and the pre-war middle-class custom of dining out of an evening is disappearing. It is seldom now that anyone can scrape together the necessary meat tickets for eating out.

There is very little incentive to stay out late. Restaurants are forbidden to serve warm meals after 10 p. m. and night clubs and dance halls, where dancing is forbidden, try to amuse their customers by presenting entertainers, but, with a single exception, they must be closed by 11 p. m.

Subways close down by 11:30 p. m., few buses or trolley cars run all night, and the very few taxis and private cars cannot be used for social purposes under penalty of heavy fine.

But everyone by now takes this in stride.

Germans have more time for reading and among best sellers are Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People," Walter Pitkin's "Life Begins at 40," Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," and several German novels.

**MRS. LETTIE PAYNE'S SERVICES TOMORROW**  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 13 (U. P.).—Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon for Mrs. Lettie Payne, 67-year-old Hoosier-temperance worker who died of injuries received in an automobile crash Wednesday night.

Mrs. Payne was a saleswoman for the P. W. Jackson Chemical Co. of Indianapolis and was returning home from a business trip to Spencer County at the time of the accident. It occurred near Tennyson when her car sideswiped a truck.

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