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ADULT EDUCATION WORKSHOP ON GERONTOLOGY
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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL AT
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.

Medical science has made it possible to escape from many of the germs that cause disease and illness. People live longer in our time than they did thirty years ago. New York University will offer next summer at Chautauqua, N.Y., a "workshop" course for educators and others who are responsible for seeing to it that the later years of life are happy years.

The Adult Education Workshop on Gerontology will be offered for the two-week period beginning July 16. It is a part of the extensive summer-school program to be offered at Chautauqua by the School of Education of New York University. The co-educators of the Adult Education Workshop on Gerontology will be Professor John Carr Duff of New York University and Dr. Wilma Donahue of the University of Michigan. Among the consultants will be Dr. Karl Menninger of Topeka, Kansas, and Dr. Clark Tibbitts of the Federal Security Agency, Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Henrietta Rabe, of the State Education Department, Albany, N.Y.

Dr. Donahue earned the Ph.D. degree in psychology at the University of Michigan and has had extensive experience in college teaching and in clinical psychology. She served for several years as Chief Psychologist for the Bureau of Psychological Services, Institute for Human Adjustment, University of Michigan, and in 1945 became director of the bureau. For the last several years she has followed her special professional interest, the problems related to the psychology of aging. She now directs the gerontological program of the Institute for Human Adjustment. In this connection she developed extension courses designed to assist middle-aged persons to prepare for their later years. The courses also provided help for younger persons who have responsibility for the older members in their families.

These courses, offered under the title of "Living in the Later Years," have provided material for three outstanding books. The most recent one, of which Dr. Donahue and Dr. Tibbitts were co-editors, was *Planning the Older Years*. During the current season Dr. Donahue is giving two courses by television. Each "tele-course" deals with living in the later years and is telecast by a Detroit TV station. Dr. Donahue spent two weeks in California during February as a consultant to the University of California. She worked with a faculty committee which is engaged in determining what kind of program the university should develop to serve the large numbers of older persons now resident in California.

The growing interest in education for maturity was heightened by the conference held last summer in Washington, D.C. The conference was sponsored by the Federal Security Administration, and Dr. Clark Tibbitts of the F.S.A. staff was the director. More than a thousand persons attended.

Plans for the Adult Education Workshop on Gerontology have developed from a resolution passed by the Committee on Aging of the National Education Association. Dr. Tibbitts is chairman of that committee which met in Chicago on October 19 and 20, 1950. The committee selected Chautauqua, N.Y., as an ideal place for conducting a workshop which would set up principles for the guidance of the many persons who are planning education programs for men and women of mature years.

The workshop is one of a series of four. Each deals with some special area related to the professional direction of adult-education programs. The first of the series will be run for two weeks beginning July 2.

The gerontology workshop and the others in this series are graduate-level courses. Each carries three points of credit toward the M.A. or the doctorate degree. Persons who are not degree candidates may register for any workshop as special students. For additional information write to Professor John Carr Duff, Chairman, Department of Adult Education, School of Education, New York University, New York 3, N.Y.