## Black Writer Named Professor at Columbia U.

NEW YORK - John Oliver Killens, the noted black writer has been appointed adjunct has been appointed adjunct professor of Writing in the Writing Division of Columbia University's School of the Arts, it has been announced by Frank MaxShane, chairman of the Writing Division.

Professor Killens is conducting a graduate seminar in black culture and a creative writing workshop open to students and to aspiring writers from the community.

"I am most excited by the workshop involving writers from the community," says Professor Killens. "It provides these young writers the chance to join and grapple with each other, and to develop on a positive professional level."

"It is encouraging," Professor Killens says, "to see Columbia finally reach out and respond to the community around it. I hope this kind of experience can become an innovation that will reach out to colleges and universities throughout the country.

"It is also with hope that I look to my course in black culture as an opportunity not merely to educate students. but to give them the sense and feeling of a great and continuing culture. It is significant that this course should be taking place in the School of the Arts, for that is where education and the emotional sense of life are joined as they are in no other area of the

academic environment." Dr. MacShane said the ap-

pointment of Professor Killens has been made in cooperation with the Urban Center at Columbia

Professor Killens is a native of Macon, Georgia. As an undergraduate he attended Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia and Howard University, Washington, D. C. He taught at the New School for Social Research, 1964, and was writer-in-residence at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, from 1965 to 1968.

Professor Killens is completing his fourth book of fiction, "The Cotillion." He is the author of "Youngblood," "And Then We Heard Thunder," and "Sippi." He also authored the non-fiction "Black Man's Burden."



ARMY OFFICER TO ENTER A&T-Capt. Willie Long of Ft. Gordon, Ga., is one of the first officers selected to attend college under the new Officers Undergraduate Program, A na tive of Columbia, S. C., Capt. Long will enter A&T State University in June.

Rain falls an average of 20 days a year in the Los Angeles area.

Mini Reading Clinic Held at **Pearson Elementary School** 

low-up of the Mini Reading Clinic, Thursday, February 20, at W. G. Pearson Elementary School at 3:45 p.m.

In keeping with the theme of the Mini Reading Clinic held January 15, 1969-"Spot-

lighting Classroom Procedures in the Teaching of Reading," Classroom Teachers Association members and other interested persons had been invited to see classroom procedures and techniques in action.

Those in attendance were delighted to witness a demonstration reading lesson taught by Mrs. Lucy Norwood, Special Reading Teacher at W. G. Pearson School. Mrs. Norwood made use of several motiva- G. Pearson School.

Classroom Teachers held a fol- | other tested procedures with a group of sixth grade pupils. The demonstration, everyone agreed, reflected planning and proved to be highly beneficial.

Preceding the demonstration, Mrs. Nancy Rowland, president of the local association made announcements and Mrs. Carlotta Holmes offered prayer and explained the purpose of the follow-up. Those in attendance other

Classroom Teachers Association members were Mrs. Mary Brooks, Supervisor of Special Education: Mrs. K. D. Johnson. Supervisor of Reading, and Bernard Toan, Supervisor of Secondary Education, all of Durham City Schools, and Frank Burnett, Principal of W.



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