



## Washington Newspaper Awards \$2,500 for Book-length Poem

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington Star awarded a \$2,500 research grant to a Howard University professor to complete book-length epic poem on the American Negro.

Dr. Lewis H. Fenderson, an associate professor of English at Howard University since 1949, will title his work, "In My Hands A Sword."

"Except for 'John Brown's Body' and 'Harlem Shadows,'" Dr. Fenderson said, "there is no other narrative or epic poem in American literature dealing with the spectrum of the Negro, projecting in breadth and depth his involved and fascinating history."

In its totality, the poem will reflect the entire chronicle of the origin, persecution, the vicissitudes, and the final victorious accomplishments of a minority group unique in the history of mankind."

A former newspaperman, Fenderson wrote about 300 poems in his column, "Songs from a Littered Desk," in the Pittsburgh Courier. The author of many articles dealing with the Negro press,

Fenderson has also published numerous poems in such journals as Fantasy, Overture and the Howard Magazine. In addition he is the co-author of a forthcoming book entitled "The Negro American: A History of the Negro in the United States."

A native of Baltimore, Fenderson moved with his family to Pittsburgh as a child, and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1941. He received his master's degree there the following year, and his Ph.D. there in 1948.

The Evening Star Newspaper Grants Program awards a total of \$12,000 a year to promote distinguished scholarship among the faculty of five Washington universities: American University, Catholic University, George Washington University, Howard University, and Georgetown University. Each of the university presidents awards the grants to deserving faculty members for further research. Since the program was initiated in 1958, The Evening Star has awarded \$84,000 in faculty grants.

## Jas. Farmer Attends Funeral of Slain Deputy in Louisiana

VARNADO, La.—CORE National Director James Farmer flew here on June 9 to attend the funeral of O'Neal Moore, the Negro deputy sheriff who was murdered while on patrol duty a week ago. While Farmer was on the speakers platform, he did not participate in the program since Mrs. Moore had requested that there be no civil rights activity at the funeral.

The day after the slaying, Farmer issued a public statement: "Let there be no mistake; this is a racial killing in response to our demands for an increased Negro police force in Bogalusa (about 7 miles south of Varnado). Once again the racist had made his bloody reply."

"CORE will not be intimidated

## N. C. Employers Respond to Plea For Youth Jobs

ATLANTA, Ga.—"North Carolina employers have offered 4,960 jobs for young people in response to the President's Youth Opportunity Campaign," Henry A. Huettner, chairman of the U. S. Department of Labor's Regional Staff announced last week.

During the first two weeks of the campaign, North Carolina employers wrote and telegraphed their summer job offers to officials of the program Washington. In addition, many others contacted the local officers of the State Employment Service office for young job seekers.

Leading national organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the National Council of Churches, YMCA, National Urban League, PTA National Congress and National Council of Jewish Women, among others, have also pledged their support of the President's summer jobs for youth program.

Summer job offers by employers are continuing to mount according to State Employment Service officials. These jobs and pledges of support resulted from President Johnson's May 23 urgent appeal to public and private organizations to develop work and training opportunities for the more than 2 million youth who will enter the labor force this month. "Some of these two million will be looking only for temporary summer jobs," the President said. "But getting those jobs may be the difference between being able to go back to school or not going back." He also pointed out that "Almost a million of these young Americans will be trying to find their places in life trying to become independent, self-suffi-

and stands ready with all its resources to back the Bogalusa Civic and Voters League in its drive for dignity and civic freedom in Louisiana. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of martyr O'Neal Moore and our prayers for the successful recovery of Mr. Creed Rogers."

Rogers, Washington Parish's only other Negro deputy sheriff, was shot in the shoulder at the same time Moore was killed. The two Negro men had been hired a year ago despite protests by the Klan, which is strong in Washington parish. Ernest McElveen, a white employee of Crown Zellerbach Corporation was arrested an hour after the shooting.

## NCC Prof on Foreign Tour For Summer

Dr. Ruth N. Horry, professor of French at North Carolina College, sailed from New York Wednesday, June 9, for a six-week tour of France and other European countries.

In addition to France, prominent on her itinerary are Vienna, Strasburg, Austria, and Sweden. The NCC professor, who was on leave last year to participate in the Cooperative Program in the Humanities at Duke University, will resume her duties at NCC in September.

Holder of the A.B. degree from Talladega College, the M.A. from Howard University, and the Ph.D. from New York University, Dr. Horry has studied also at the University of Chicago and at the Sorbonne. She has been on the NCC faculty since 1949.

In Durham prior to her departure, she was honored at a bon voyage party given by her sister, Mrs. Sara Horry Jones, and another sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Dudley, at the Dudley home at 307 Pekoe Street.

Unmarried minor children of deceased veterans remain eligible for pension payments even though their mother loses her eligibility by remarriage. Judson D. DeRamus, Manager of the North Carolina VA Regional Office, reminded this week.

## Two-Week Festival to Honor Dr. Bethune in Harlem, New York

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A two-week "Summer Art Festival in Harlem" commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the death of Mary McLeod Bethune is underway at Blumstein's Department Store in New York City. The Festival, launched June 8 will continue through June 24.

New York's Mayor Robert F. Wagner issued a proclamation recently declaring the period May 18 to June 17, as Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Month. While presenting the proclamation to Miss Dorothy I. Height, National President, National Council of Negro Women and Miss Wilhelmina Adams, member of the Council's Executive Committee, Mayor Wagner pointed out that Mrs. Bethune convened the founding meeting of the National Council of Negro Women in New York City just 30 years ago.

According to Miss Height, the Art Festival and the Bethune Proclamation are two of the many activities which will take place during the Bethune Memorial Month.

A special feature of the Festival earlier was sidewalk art exhibits of the paintings of Harlem youngsters placed on the block of Blumstein's department store. Works of some 40 noted artists are on display on the third floor of the uptown department store.

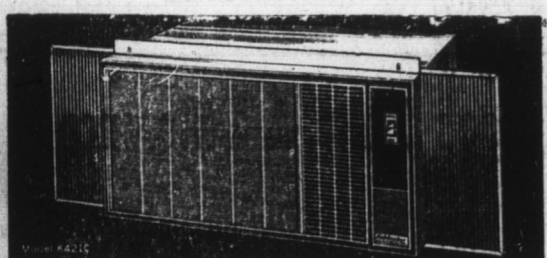
Mrs. Marguerite Van Ness Brandt of P. S. 100 is serving as coordinator of the student artists. James DeLoache, noted artist, is serving as coordinator of the Festival in behalf of the National Council.

At present the National Council of Negro Women is conducting a nationwide campaign to erect a memorial to Mrs. Bethune in Lincoln Park, Washington, D. C.

The memorial, which is to be the first memorial to an American Negro ever erected on public grounds in the Nation's Capital, was authorized by a Joint Resolution of Congress Jun. 1, 1960.



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