

# Seven Million U.S. Families Are Now Living In Poverty



ABSTRACT SCULPTURE - Three faculty members at North Carolina College examine a work of sculpture during the opening of a Student Art Exhibition at the college last Sunday. On the left is Miss Pennie Perry, head librarian, in the center Robert F. Kennedy, acting chairman of the Department of Art, and on the right, Dr. Robert W. John, chairman of the Department of Music.

## Report Says 3 Out Of 10 Families Negroes

NEW YORK, N. Y. -- About 7 million families in the United States today, according to the Social Security Administration economy index of 1965, live in poverty.

Among the reported 10.7 million people in the country, 3 out of 10 are non-white which means that the non-white population -- mainly Negroes -- suffer almost three and a half times more poverty than white people.

Hence, as a part of the National Urban League's program this year in coping with the pressing and complex problems created by conditions of poverty, the League has expanded its professional staff in health and welfare.

Dr. Jesse W. Johnson will serve as assistant director in this area, according to an announcement made today by Whitney M. Young Jr., the League's national executive director.

Working under Miss Jewel-dean Jones, associate director for Health and Welfare, Dr. Johnson will concentrate his efforts on mobilizing health and welfare resources in the interest of aiding the disadvantaged.

Among his duties will be the planning and development of programs as well as providing specialist services to League affiliates in 72 urban areas throughout the nation.

He will maintain contacts with

government and private voluntary social agencies and perform consultative duties aimed at equalizing opportunities for poor people and improving community relations.

Dr. Johnson, a 36-year-old native of Natchitoches, La., holds a B. A. in applied sociology from Morgan State College and a M. S. W. degree in psychiatric social work from Howard University. He received his doctorate in special education (marriage and family education and administration of social agencies) from Columbia University.

Prior to joining the NUL staff, Johnson was assistant director of social services at Coney Island Hospital in New York, and served as a public health field representative with the Altru Health and Rehabilitation Services of New York City.

Miss Jones indicated that Dr. Johnson is capable of making a major contribution to the success of health and welfare programs on national, regional, and local levels.

He is married and the father of two sons. He lives at 114-50 174th St., St. Alban, N. Y.

The League, now in its 56th year, is a professional interracial social work agency established to assist Negro citizens and members of other disadvantaged minority groups to obtain equal opportunities in employment, housing, education and health and welfare services.



MCKISSICK HONORED - Floyd B. McKissick, center, who was recently named national director of CORE, was presented a plaque last week by Durham Chapter of the North Carolina College Alumni Association "for meritorious service in civil rights." Making the presentation was his law partner, M. C. Burt, Jr. Both men received their law degree at NCC. On the right is Mrs. McKissick.

## Publisher Says Some News Media Irresponsible In Evaluating Negro "Leadership"

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. -- "... The white press has failed to demonstrate its responsibility in the matter of identifying and evaluating Negro leadership."

So declared Publisher Thomas W. Young of the Journal and Guide, Negro weekly paper of Norfolk, Va., in a Negro History Week address delivered Monday before the students and faculty members of St. Paul's College here.

"An oft-spoken criticism is that the white press 'creates' Negro 'leaders' in such cities as Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles," continued the speaker.

He added: "The problem is not limited to the cities listed. Examples could be cited from almost every community where there has been civil rights activity."

The complained-of default by white news media, Mr. Young declared, is "one other vital role (added to its historic purposes) that the Negro Press has assumed" since the onset of the "Negro Revolution of the 'Sixties."

He spoke at the college at the invitation of the undergraduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, first Greek-letter society founded by colored undergraduates (in 1907 at Cornell University). The speaker was introduced by Leslie D. Smith, Jr., an honor roll senior from Chuckatuck, Va., and editor of the campus newspaper, The Student Journal.

The all-college assembly opened with an invocation by Dennis F. Lassiter, a sophomore, Portsmouth, Va. William H. Ayres, junior, Dillwyn, Va., and James M. DeHart, junior, Radford, Va., spoke on the reasons for the background of Negro History Week. A Selection was sung by Miss Thomasena McElveen, junior, of Bronx, N. Y. William G. Palmer, sophomore, South Boston, Va., responded to the address.



STUDENT SHOWS ART WORK - James Newton, North Carolina College Senior art major, holds a critique of one of his works of sculpture with two ladies present at the opening of a student Art Exhibition at the college Sunday. In the center is Mrs. R. D. Newman, and on the right Mrs. Hilda Johnson. The exhibition will continue until March 15.

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"The Gardens of Winterthur," pictures flowers at the Dupont estate in Wilmington, Delaware, through the spring and summer seasons. It is a color film thirteen minutes long.

"Prehistoric Image" shows primitive drawings on the walls of caves in France and Spain. Seventeen minutes long, this film is also in color.

"Automania," 2000 is a color cartoon that projects the year 2000 in which the automobile has been developed so as to be able to reproduce itself.

"Instruments of The Orchestra," takes a symphony orchestra apart, shows all its instruments, and puts it back together again. It is in black and white and lasts twenty minutes.

"The Hutterites," is a study of a cooperative religious community in Canada that is the direct descendant of a Christian sect formed during the reformation. It is twenty minutes long and is in black and white.

"Praise The Sea," is an art film that creates a feeling for the Netherlands through a combination of visual images and sounds. It does so in black and white in twenty one minutes.

**Dr. Dunham Is Speaker At Bennett**

GREENSBORO--The idea of not allowing oneself to become involved is an attitude engrained upon the American conscience, Dr. Chadbourne Dunham told the Bennett College vespers audience on Sunday.

The speaker, a member of the faculty of Wesleyan University, of Middletown, Conn., stated that this attitude, however, is not new and gave examples dating from Homer's Illiad to Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov" to illustrate his thesis.

Alain Locke, in 1907, was the first Negro to be selected as a Rhodes Scholar, studying at Oxford, England.

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