

AWARDS TO WHITE SOUTHERNERS

James Robert Aswell: for the writing of a novel dealing with a southern middle-class family.

\$1,700

Born 1911, Nashville, Tennessee. State editor, Tennessee Writers' Project, Federal Writers' Project.

Mr. Aswell has supported himself by writing for ten years, but heavy family responsibilities have made it necessary for him to work chiefly on currently salable stuff. He needs time and freedom for a creative task. Literary critics say this man is a real find.

Herbert Jonas Bingham: for advanced study of public finance and public administration, at the University of Chicago.

\$1,200

Born 1917, Culleoka, Tennessee. Southwestern, Memphis, Tennessee, B. A., 1939; Vanderbilt University, 1939-40.

Very young but a brilliant student who will probably go into public life in the South.

Alfred Bryan Bonds, Jr.: for studies in political science dealing especially with the interest of the "cotton South" in the formation and operation of our domestic and foreign policy, at the University of North Carolina.

\$1,500

Born 1913, Monroe, Arkansas. Henderson State Teachers College, Arkansas, A. B., 1935; Louisiana State University, M. A., 1936, 1936-39. Assistant to the dean of the Graduate School, Louisiana State University.

A brilliant young educator already in an influential position. Charles W. Pipkin, Dean of the Graduate School of Louisiana State University, says, "I have never before recommended a man of his capacity and high promise."

Albert Edwin Carter: for continuation of a study of European and Asiatic trade and ideological drives in Latin America, and their effect on the southern regions of the United States. (Reappointment)

\$2,000

Born 1909, Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Has attended the University of Chattanooga but holds

Albert Edwin Carter: no degree. Sunday editor and foreign affairs  
(Cont'd) writer, Chattanooga Times.

This man supplemented his preliminary grant with his own funds and, in addition to study under our award, has spent three months in Mexico perfecting his use of Spanish in order to be better prepared for his South American travel and study. Mr. Adolph Ochs, General Manager of the Chattanooga Times, indicates that Carter's writing has shown much improvement from his six months of preliminary study.

Edward Tarleton Collier: for creative writing on the subject of the  
South's unique economic and social conditions  
\$2,400 and their impact upon the lives of the people.

Born 1890, Mobile, Alabama. Alabama Polytechnic Institute, B. S., 1907, M. S., 1912. Independent writer.

A well-known southern editor and commentator who proposes to return to creative writing to portray aspects of Southern life in fiction. While a good deal older than we usually consider, Collier is one of the top men in the South in literature and public life.

Edwin Adams Davis: joint fellowship with William Ransom Hogan, for  
the editing of a twelve-volume diary of William  
\$730 T. Johnson, free Negro of Natchez, Mississippi.

Born 1904, Alba, Missouri. Kansas State Teachers College, B. S., 1925; State University of Iowa, M. A., 1931; Louisiana State University, Ph. D., 1936. Head of department of archives, assistant professor of history, Louisiana State University.

Donald Day: for independent research and writing on the  
early history of Texas. (Reappointment)  
\$1,800

Born 1899, Millseat, Texas. Southwest Texas State Teachers College, B. A., 1923; University of Texas, M. A., 1924, 1937-38; University of Chicago, 1938-40.

One of our best Fellows of the past year. Another grant to start him on his career as interpreter of the Southwest seems a sound investment.

James Merton England: for research on the free Negro in Tennessee, 1770-1861, at Vanderbilt University.

\$1,200

Born 1915, Deepwater, Missouri. Central College, Missouri, A. B., 1936; Vanderbilt University, M. A., 1937, 1937-40. Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University.

A straight "A" man in his three years of graduate work at Vanderbilt. "One of our ablest graduate students", "will make an outstanding contribution to the understanding of the status of the free Negro in the South", "he was my top student", are typical statements from his references.

James Alfred Ford: for studies in southeastern archaeology, and the preparation of a synthesis of southern archaeology, at Columbia University.

\$1,750

Born 1911, Water Valley, Mississippi. Louisiana State University, A. B., 1936; University of Michigan, M. A., 1938. Research associate in archaeology, School of Geology, Louisiana State University.

A recognized authority on the archaeology of the lower Mississippi Valley. The rapid strides made in the scientific approach to archaeology in the Southeast have in large part been due to Ford's influence. Henry B. Collins, senior anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution, says, "Despite his youth, he is already the outstanding archaeologist in the Southeast, and the contributions he will be able to make after receiving advanced academic training will be of even greater proportions."

James Christian Hill: for advanced study of agricultural laborers versus low level tenants in the farm economy of the South, at Columbia University.

\$1,500

Born 1914, Chicago, Illinois. Swarthmore College, B. A., 1935; Columbia University, 1935-36, 1937-38; University of London School of Economics, 1936-37. Temporary appointment as instructor in economics, University of Chicago.

William Ransom Hogan: joint fellowship with Edwin A. Davis for the editing of a twelve-volume diary of William T. Johnson, free Negro of Natchez, Mississippi.

\$730

- William Ransom Hogan: Born 1908, Toledo, Ohio. Trinity University, Texas, A. B., cum laude, 1929; University of Texas, M. A., 1932, 1932-33; Louisiana State University, 1934-35. Has completed all work for the Ph. D. degree at the University of Texas except final examination. Assistant archivist, Louisiana State University.  
(Cont'd)
- Jeter Allen Isely: for continuation of studies in history, specifically to complete dissertation on "Horace Greeley and Social Democracy", and to make a general survey of the anti-slavery extension press of the North, at Princeton University. (Reappointment)  
\$1,200  
Born 1913, Morristown, Tennessee. University of Tennessee, A. B., 1937; Princeton University, 1937-40.  
Isely made an outstanding record at Princeton, and passed his preliminary doctoral examinations just before beginning work under his fellowship. This grant will enable him to complete his dissertation. In addition to excellent research ability, Mr. Isely shows the makings of a really great teacher.
- Wilton Paul Ledet: for a study of the economic, political, and social history of the Acadians of Louisiana, at the University of Chicago.  
\$1,400  
Born 1915, Larose, Louisiana. Tulane University, A. B., 1936, M. A., 1937; University of Chicago, 1939-40.  
When this descendant of the Acadians applied two years ago (when he was but 22 years old) the Committee felt that he was immature and untested. He now returns with such an impressive record that this grant has been made. He is a natural for the task, for he knows his people and understands their ways.
- Mayor Dennis Mobley: for studies in education, at the University of Georgia, leading to the development of a program in vocational education more in keeping with the needs of the people of Georgia.  
\$2,000  
Born 1899, Paulding County, Georgia. University of Georgia, B. S. A., 1922; Cornell University, M. S., 1930. Director of Vocational Education, Georgia State Department of Education.  
A distinguished educator already in a position of great influence.

Alton Chester Morris: for research in folk songs of Florida, at the University of North Carolina.

\$900

Born 1903, Sanford, Florida. University of Florida, A. B., 1927, M. A., 1928; University of North Carolina, 1937-40. Assistant professor of English, University of Florida, on leave, at present a teaching fellow at the University of North Carolina.

James Kimbrough Owen: for studies in local government and public administration at Princeton University.

\$1,200

Born 1916, New Orleans, Louisiana. Louisiana State University, A. B., 1937, and work completed for M. A., 1939; University of Berlin, 1937-38; Princeton University, 1939-40.

A thoroughly competent man who will make a much-needed study of county government and finance in specified counties in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Princeton professors rate him even above John Caldwell, one of our best earlier Fellows, who worked at Princeton two years ago.

Henry Allison Page III: for a study of the Farm Security Administration and the problems which gave rise to it, with special emphasis on the administration of its acts in North Carolina, at Harvard University.

\$1,020

Born 1913, Aberdeen, North Carolina. Princeton University, A. B., 1935; Oxford University, B. A., 1938; Harvard University, M. A., 1940.

This young scholar, with a fine record at Princeton, Oxford, and Harvard, will try to appraise the work of Will Alexander's outfit in North Carolina.

William Fletcher Quillian, Jr.: for studies in religion at Yale University.

\$1,000

Born 1913, Nashville, Tennessee. Emory University, A. B., 1935; University of Edinburgh and University of Basel, 1938-39; Yale University, B. D., 1938, 1939-40.

This is another effort to cultivate some liberal preachers for the South.

Ellene Ransom: for a study of aspects of southern fiction before 1900.

\$2,000

Born 1894, Spring Hill, Tennessee. Vanderbilt University, B. A., 1916; M. A., 1924; Yale University, 1929-30. Teacher of English, Ward-Belmont Junior College, Nashville.

James Edward Routh III: for creative work in painting, especially to depict Negro and rural scenes in the South.

\$1,200

Born 1918, New Orleans, Louisiana. Oglethorpe University, 1933-35; Art Students League of New York, 1936-40.

This man (together with Jacob Lawrence, a Negro Fellow) was given exceptionally high praise by the Guggenheim art jury. Routh and Lawrence, each 22 years old, impressed the jury not only by their promise but by the work they have already done.

Walter Edwin Sewell: for continuation of advanced research in mathematics. (Reappointment)

\$2,000

Born 1904, Newnan, Georgia. University of Georgia, A. B., 1925, B. S. in C. E., 1926, M. A., 1927; Harvard University, M. A., 1932, Ph. D., 1936. Assistant professor of mathematics, Georgia School of Technology.

This man was given a grant last year to enable him to prepare mathematics texts adapted to southern secondary and college students. The mathematics faculty at Harvard University testifies that he has such exceptional talent that he should be given further time to devote himself to pure mathematics and to the interpretation of mathematical theory so that young people can understand more readily the logic and the principles involved in this important discipline.

Joseph Carlyle Sitterson: for research in the history of the sugar industry in the South.

\$1,500

Born 1911, Kinston, North Carolina. University of North Carolina, A. B., 1931, M. A., 1932, Ph. D., 1937. Assistant professor of American history and social science, University of North Carolina.

This is one of the outstanding young economic historians in the South and is regarded as one

Joseph Carlyle Sitterson:

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of the coming men at the University of North Carolina. The Committee was criticized for passing over this man last year. His consistent record of scholarly production makes him an even better candidate now.

Lillian Eugenia Smith: for continuation of study and travel in preparation for a book on the South and southern literature. Joint grant with Paula Snelling.  
\$1,000  
(Reappointment)

Born 1897, Jasper, Florida. Has attended Piedmont College, Columbia University, and Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore. No degree. Editor of the North Georgia Review.

Paula Snelling:

\$1,000

for continuation of study and travel in preparation for book on the South and southern literature. Joint grant with Lillian E. Smith.  
(Reappointment)

Born 1899, Macon, Georgia. Wesleyan College, A. B., 1919; Columbia University, M. A., 1925, editor of the North Georgia Review.

Two very remarkable women are these editors of the North Georgia Review. This renewal will enable them to continue their studies of the South, further prepare them for editing their quarterly and writing about their region. Mrs. Evelyn Scott, critic for Charles Scribner's Sons, says, "Miss Snelling has, I believe, one of the few original critical minds expressive in America. Miss Smith, as both novelist and critic, shows an equivalent imaginative vision. They are brilliantly original personalities."

Henry Lee Swint:

\$700

for a study of the "home missions" movement of northern teachers to southern (chiefly Negro) schools and colleges ~~of the South~~ during the reconstruction era.

Born 1909, Chambers County, Alabama. Birmingham-Southern College, B. A., 1929; Vanderbilt University, M. A., 1930, Ph. D., 1939. Instructor in American history and social science orientation, Vanderbilt University.

An exceptionally able southern scholar working on a problem of direct interest to the Fund. This man and James M. England, another Rosenwald Fellow, are rated by their colleagues as tied for top place in scholarship and personality among all the younger men now at Vanderbilt University.

- Dan Rutledge Vining: for continuation of an empirical study of the economic organization of a southern region, at the University of Chicago. (Reappointment)  
\$1,800
- Born 1908, Birmingham, Alabama. University of Texas, B. B. A., 1931, M. A., 1935; University of Chicago, 1939-40. Instructor of statistics and economics, University of Arkansas.
- This man is regarded by Professors Knight and Lange of the University of Chicago faculty as an outstanding student of economics.
- Robert Petrie Walton: for advanced study in medical science, especially in the effects of marihuana, at the University of Chicago.  
\$2,000
- Born 1905, Guthrie, Kentucky. Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, B. S., summa cum laude, 1924; Columbia University, M. A., 1925, Ph. D., 1929. Professor of pharmacology, University of Mississippi.
- One of the brilliant medical scientists of the South. A top scholar by any rating.
- Comer Vann Woodward: for historical research and the writing of The Origins of the New South, 1880-1913, volume 9 of a series entitled The History of the South, 1607-1940.  
\$2,400
- Born 1908, Vanndale, Arkansas. Emory University, B. Ph., 1930; Columbia University, M. A., 1932; University of North Carolina, Ph. D., 1937. Assistant professor of social sciences, University of Florida, on leave, serving as visiting assistant professor, Corcoran School of History, University of Virginia.
- This man would be high on any fellowship list. For all around ability he is probably the top man in our whole list. Author of Tom Watson: Agrarian Rebel, he is a leading historian of the South. The book on the Origins of the New South, 1880-1913, which he will write during his fellowship, will undoubtedly be a definitive work on a period of southern history about which there is still little accurate interpretation.