

ROBERT CALDWELL LASSETER, JR

Editor, The Rutherford Courier
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Race Relations

Proposal of survey Southern press on
race relations

Very good references, including
top letter from Leo Nieman
fellowship advisor at Harvard
Just the right age for such project

A suggestion by one reference is that
the stipend be increased

Name Robert Caldwell Lasseter, Jr.

1945 \$2500
Negro
White Southerner

Position Editor, The Rutherford Courier,
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Special Field Race relations
Group *Journalism*

College

University

Plan of Work:

To make a survey and study of "The Southern Press and Race Relations"
and to write a monograph on the subject.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2500

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718 East Bell Street, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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Requests grant for from eight months to one year. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Nashville, Tennessee, December, 1910.
Married, two children.

Age: 35
Draft Status: 4F

Undergraduate Work Castle Heights Military Academy, one year.

Graduate Work

Special Study: Harvard University, 1943-44.

Experience

Editor, News-Banner, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 1929-33, \$1500;
editor, Rutherford Courier, Murfreesboro, 1933-37, \$2000;
assistant city editor, Nashville Tennessean, 1937-41, \$2400; editor,
Rutherford Courier, 1941-44, \$4000.

Accomplishments

Research into subject of freedom of press at Harvard University and wrote an essay on subject which won second place of 700-odd entries in the Atlantic Monthly competition in 1944.

Nieman Fellow, Harvard University, 1943-44, studies in race relations and agricultural economics, \$330 mo.

References

Louis M. Lyons, Nieman Foundation, Harvard University
H. H. Earthman, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.
B. H. Carter, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Nat Caldwell, Nashville Tennessean

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,800
From Applicant	-
From Fund	\$1,800

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

