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After receiving his medical degree from Howard University in Washington, Dr. Fleming served his internship and first year residency at St. Vincent Hospital, Cleveland. He held second and third year residencies in internal medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cleveland, where he became chief resident.

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Dr. Fleming is past president of the Cleveland Medical Association and a member of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine, the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association and the Sickle Cell Advisory Committee of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine. He is also a member of the Cleveland Urban League, NAACP, and a trustee of the Free Clinic.

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Contests of reading aloud, reading comprehension and extemporaneous speaking in French, German, Italian, Latin, Spanish and Russian will be featured as well as a poster contest and an original television commercial competition.

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Each school may enter as many contestants as desired, and will be eligible to compete for a school prize in a category determined by the number of its participants. An entry fee of \$2.50 per student is charged.

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For further information, contact the YSU Foreign Languages and Literatures Department at (216) 742-3461.

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