

Candidate **Chess Abernathy, Jr.**

Special Field **Journalism**

✓ 305 Atlanta Street, Marietta, Georgia  
Editor-in-Chief, Cobb County Times

Plan of Work

Title - The South's Next Door Neighbors - a six-month study of the possibilities of developing mutually profitable trade relations between the South and certain Latin American countries. Products of study to be newspaper articles and pictures, as well as articles for other publications.

Applicant desires to begin study September, 1939.

*No degree*

*Read somewhat revised recent page.*

Digest of Application

Born March, 1912, Gastonia, North Carolina. Married.

A. B., 1934, Emory University.

Reporter, 1934, \$17 a week; news editor, 1935, \$25 a week; editor-in-chief, 1935 -, \$2,500 a year; Cobb County (Georgia) Times.

See attached sheet for activities, and standing and achievement in his profession.

References

- J. S. Pope, Atlanta Journal, Georgia
- Raymond B. Nixon, Head of Journalism School Emory University, Georgia
- W. L. Downs, Head, Department of Education South Georgia Teachers College, Statesboro
- Russell S. Grove, Lawyer, Marietta, Georgia

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$1,500
From applicant	--
From Fund	\$1,500
Granted	\$2,000

Committee Notes

*1 yr.*

Documents submitted

- Photograph
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts

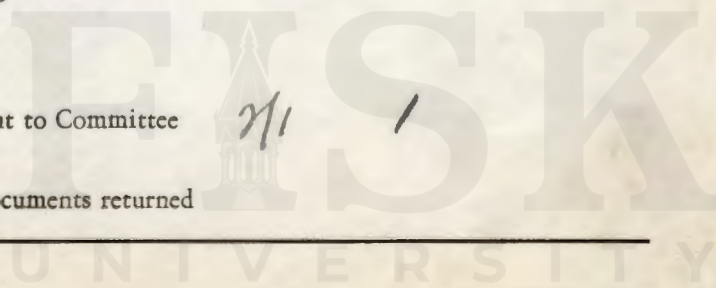
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Plan of work

Digest

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Special Field Journalist

Candidate Chess Department, Jr.

Seems top kind of person. *He will*

Editor-in-Chief, Cobb County Times

Plan of Work

see.

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more: best of journalists. Let him get background work for with Lammensbaum. Don't go to SA at all now, or 6 months 6 mos. SA. He should have assurance of 6 mos. At Columbia, Digest of Application

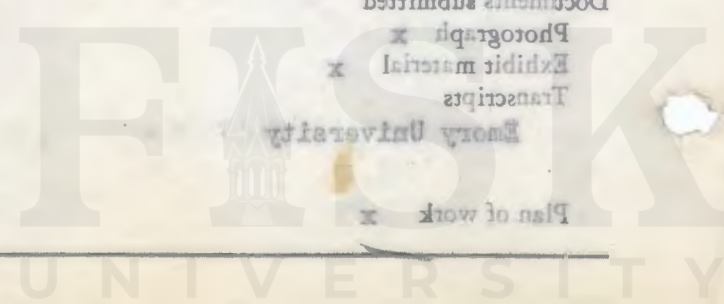
could have 6 or 8 mos between

his two jobs. See attached sheet for activities, and standing and achievement in his profession.

Budget Summary	
Total amount needed	\$1,200
From applicant	—
From Fund	\$1,200
Granted	\$2,500

- References
- J. B. Pope, Atlanta Journal, Georgia
  - Raymond H. Nixon, Head of Journalist School
  - Emory University, Georgia
  - W. L. Brown, Head, Department of Education
  - South Georgia Teachers College, Statesboro
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1939

Name **Abernathy, Chess, Jr. (M)**

1912 Negro   
White Southerner

Position **Editor-in-chief, Cobb County Times, Marietta, Ga.**

Special Field **Journalism**  
Group *X economics*

College **Emory University, A. B., 1934**

University

Plan of Work:

The study of the possibilities of developing mutually profitable trade relations between the South and certain Latin-American countries. To spend six months in preparatory study in the United States at Columbia, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, and in consultation with authorities; six months in South America.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2,500



Employed by the Cobb County Times, Marietta, Georgia, since 1934, as reporter,  
News editor, and Editor in Chief.

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9/25/40 Mr. Abernathy, accompanied by his wife, sailed March 13, 1940, for  
South America. He visited Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia, and returned to  
Marietta August 20, 1940.

1940: Executive Secretary, Alumni Association of Emory University, Ga.

*Emory University, Ga*

*Camp near Virginia*

FISK  
UNIVERSITY

9/25/40 Mr. Abernathy returned to his post as editor of the Cobb County Times, Marietta, Georgia, with a considerable increase in salary.

3/31/41 Will leave in April to go to new post as alumni secretary at Emory University, Georgia. Will also edit Emory Alumnus.

9/27/44: Captain, Quartermaster Corps, editing the official weekly magazine of the Quartermaster Corps (circulation: world-wide)