

1939

Name Hodges, Robert M. (M) 1910

Negro
White Southerner

Position Editor, Daily Times-News, Burlington, N. C.

Special Field Journalism
Group X Sociology, Economics

College University of North Carolina, B. A., 1931.

University

Plan of Work:

Survey of industrial relations in the South between capital and white and Negro labor. To work with Dr. Wolf at University of North Carolina; will have advice from Dr. Vance and Dr. Odum. Eight months to a year. Seeking M. A.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Awarded \$1,500



Reporter for The Enterprise, High Point, N. C. 1 year; News Editor, Daily Times-News, Burlington, N. C., 1932-35, Editor, 1935-

9/25/40 Under our grant Mr. Hodges did considerable research on the relief problem and its effects on three counties in the sub-region of North Carolina. A part of this survey is included in a survey made for the Brookings Institution. Complications of graduate work prevented his doing a great deal with the study in the field of industrial relations which he proposed in his fellowship plan of work.

7/10/41 Most of residence requirements for graduate degree were passed during year at Chapel Hill on Rosenwald Fund fellowship. Title of dissertation will probably be "A Study of Communications Stimuli Among the Rural Strata of Piedmont, North Carolina, with Particular Emphasis on the Role of Radio."

*Maple Road
Riverside Connecticut*



HODGES, ROBERT M.

CAREER AFTER TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

9/25/40 Mr. Hodges received a Rockefeller Foundation grant for a year of work in radio research. He began work under this grant in the fall of 1940, spending two months at the Columbia University Bureau of Radio Research. In December, 1940, he returned to the University of North Carolina to begin a radio listening survey of the sub-region. From this research Mr. Hodges will write a thesis dealing with the discernible effects of farm programs on rural listeners, with emphasis on the propaganda content of rural programs.

7/10/41 At the completion of his work under Rockefeller Foundation fellowship Mr. Hodges went to Washington and Lee University for 1941-42 as instructor in journalism.

1944 - Copywriter, J. M. Mathis, Inc., advertising,
122 East 42nd St., New York 17, New York.

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ROBERT MITCHELL HODGES

Editor, Daily Times-News
 Burlington, North Carolina (Reappointment)

Journalism

Inevitable for this war in the beginning
 But it seems clear that a second
 award would be much more valuable
 than the first; in fact only by
 a further grant is it likely that
 any good will have resulted.
 In for a full year more (not the
 half year Hodges suggests)
 Vance speaks very highly of him

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 a condition that Re late
 another full year - say \$500

ROBERT MITCHELL HODGES

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1500
granted
for study
1939

Editor, Daily Times-News
Burlington, N. C.

Journalism, creative writing

No evidence of scholarly ability
such as would be needed
for any economic or sociological
study of Southern labor

A good diligent plodder -
and a courageous journalist
but probably not more than that

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Candidate **Robert Mitchell Hodges**
Editor, Daily Times-News
Burlington, North Carolina

Special Field
Journalism
~~Creative Writing~~

Plan of Work

Copeland Apartments

Research in, survey of industrial relations in South between capital and white and Negro labor, with perhaps 50,000 - 70,000 word book in mind; emphasis on reforms, supposed and real, effected by Roosevelt administration, gaps still left of exploitation, abuse. Sidebars on press, politicians.

Will study some at University of North Carolina but mostly conduct research over State and southeast for book material. Eight months to a year.

Seeks M. A. degree (letter 12/14/39)

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Digest of Application

Born October, 1910. Married.

Wilmington NC

B. A. University of North Carolina, 1931.

Reporter, The Enterprise, High Point, N. C., 1931-32, \$1000;
news editor, Daily Times-News, Burlington, N. C. 1932-35, \$1500-\$2000;
editor, Daily Times-News, 1935 - , \$2700.

Has written some fiction in magazines of national circulation; novel completed and being considered by New York publishing house; numerous articles and editorials daily.

References

- Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor, News & Observer, Raleigh
- Mr. R. W. Madry, Public Relations Supervisor, Chapel Hill
- Mr. Frank P. Graham, University of North Carolina
- Mr. Gerald Johnson, Baltimore Sun

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$ 1800
From applicant	---
From Fund	\$ 1800
Granted	\$ 1500

Committee Notes

Documents submitted

- Photograph
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts
- University of North Carolina

Plan of work

Digest

Sent to Committee *1/16*

Documents returned



ROBERT M. HODGES

Mr. Hodges is to attach himself to the University of North Carolina, in order to have advice from the staff. The Committee suggested Mr. Rupert Vance, who in turn suggests Dr. Wolf, since he is a specialist in labor problems. Limitation of study to be worked out in conference with these men at Carolina.

Will probably begin September 1.

6/8/39 Will attend first term of the summer session at University of North Carolina. Will also do some field work this summer, at the suggestion of Dr. Odum.

P. O. Box 1094, Chapel Hill, N. C. 9/22/39

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