

J. BLAINE SHAUM

Tarkio, Missouri, 8th Fed. Res. Dist.--practical farmer, probably Republican; real "dirt farmer." Separate memorandum gives reports on him from Gov. Myers and Sec. Wallace.

(If Foster out, Shaum could be named from 8th Dist. and Myers from D.C., 5th Dist., giving agriculture both a national representative and expert on production, marketing and financing, and also a "dirt farmer.")

ALBERT S. GOSS

Republican; age 54; "Roosevelt Republican"; was Chairman, Executive Committee, of the National Grange for nearly 10 years, and was practical farmer before then; now Land Bank Commissioner, Farm Credit Administration; highly recommended by Gov. Myers. See separate memorandum.

(If Foster and Myers both out, Goss might be named from D.C., Dist. 5--his home being in 12th District before he came to Washington---with Shaum named from 8th Dist.)

LELAND EVERETT CALL

Republican; age 55; President, Federal Land Bank, Wichita, Kansas; Professor of Agronomy, Dean of Agriculture at Kansas State College; not a dirt farmer, but highly trained expert; "Roosevelt Republican." See separate memo.

FRANCIS W. PECK

Democrat; age 50; suggested by Gov. Myers; Professor at Univ. of Minnesota; Cooperative Bank Commissioner of Farm Credit Administration until Dec. 31, last, when his leave from his university expired. See separate memo.

GUINN WILLIAMS

Democrat; age 64; suggested by or through Sen. Glass; was in Congress 10 years; was in cattle and mule business.

JOHN SHARY

Mission, Texas; real estate promotor--not a dirt farmer. See attached letter from Gov. Myers.

R. T. STUART

Oklahoma City; also a promotor in Rio Grande real estate. See Gov. Myers letter. Also wire from Oklahoma City Branch of Fed. Res. Bank.

Shaum, J. Blaine

Republican

Age, about 40

Residence : Tarkio, Missouri; 8th Federal Reserve District.

Would replace: Judge Thomas, of 10th District, as agricultural representative on Board.

Governor Myers states: (letter of January 18, 1936)

"About 40 years of age; college graduate, A.B. degree, Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri. Has been in the farming business since he left college — a big cattle and hog feeder. Although he had some mishaps, due to financial conditions, is making progress in reducing the mortgage indebtedness which is held by the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis.

"Mr. Shaum married the daughter of William M. Rankin, deceased, who was a very prominent man in northwestern Missouri. Shaum has a fine reputation and is considered one of the ablest farmers in that section. Probably is a director of a small bank in Tarkio, but is not thought to have other corporate connections. Has always been a leader in agricultural organizations in that section. Does not have an active interest in politics, but is probably Republican and is reported to be conservative in tendencies.

"This information was obtained through the Farm Credit Administration at St. Louis from a bank officer in that city who is a native of Tarkio and who has known Mr. Shaum for many years. It has also been checked against records in this office, since Mr. Shaum was considered for appointment as a director of the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis some time ago. Judging from his educational background and experience, Mr. Shaum would be a typical, intelligent, reasonably successful farmer, although his operations are much larger than average."

Secretary Wallace, in a telephone conversation, said:

Mr. Shaum is about 45; from a standpoint of economic reasoning is splendid; lives in town, but owns 1000 acres of farm land; dresses very well; man of strong personality; was a bank director at one time; has mortgage on farm, but if land sold would have some money left after clearing all debts; practical farmer and livestock man — feeder.

Call, Leland Everett

Republican

Age 55

Residence : Manhattan, Kansas, Federal Reserve District No. 10.
Would Replace :

Biography : Born, Kent, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1881; B.S. in Agr., Ohio State Univ., 1906, M.S. in Agr., 1912; Teaching fellow in agrl. chemistry, Ohio State U., 1906; asst. in agronomy, 1907-08; asst. prof. soils, 1908-11; asso. prof. soils, 1911-13; prof. agronomy and in charge dept., 1913-25; dean agriculture and dir. Agricultural Experiment Sta., since 1925, Kan. State College; now pres. Federal Land Bank of Wichita; served in France, World War, in Y.M.C.A., and in Army Ednl. Corps, in charge farm crop instructional work, and at A.E.F. Univ. Baume, France, 1919. Mem. Am. Soc. Agronomy (pres. 1929) A.A.A.S.; Sigma Xi; Alpha Zeta; Phi Kappa Phi; Gamma Sigma Delta; Delta Tau Delta; Congregationalist; Rotarian; author of numerous bulls and papers on agrl. subjects; also textbooks.

Comment

W.L. Meyer
: Suggested by ~~Sec. Wallace~~, who describes him as a "Roosevelt Republican"; states that he was born on a farm; that he is a "very able, practical-minded farm leader."

Peck, Francis Winfred

Democrat

Age 50

Residence : University of Minnesota, Federal Reserve District No. 9.
Would Replace :

Biography : Born, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 20, 1885; B.S. College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, 1912; M.S., 1917; Prof., U. of Minn., cost accounting investigations, 1912-18, director of agrl. extension, 1921-33; with Bur. Agrl. Economics, U.S. Dept. Agr., 1919-21; cooperative bank commissioner of U.S. Farm Credit Administration since 1933; member Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi; Methodist.

Comments : Recommended by Governor Myers; recognized as practical, able leader in agricultural thought in the Northwest; resigned December 31, 1935, as Cooperative Bank Commissioner because his leave of absence from the University had expired.