

February 13, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. J. W. RIXEY SMITH

Subject: Mr. R. M. Evans

Following is the biography of Mr. Evans as given in "Who's Who":

EVANS, RUDOLPH MARTIN, adminstr. A.A.A.; b. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Nov. 4, 1890; s. Martin and Margaret (Ganshorn) E.; B.S. in Civil Engring., Ia. State Coll., 1913; m. Thurma Margeurite Allen, Apr. 15, 1919; children -- Lenore Margeurite, Nancy Lee. Farmer and livestock raiser, Laurens, Ia., 1921-36; adminstr. A.A.A. since 1938; dir. Laurens Farm Co.; dir. Federal Surplus Commodities Corp., Commodity Credit Corp., Federal Crop Ins. Corp. Served with 116th Engrs., U. S. Army, with A.E.F., 1918-19. Mem. Kappa Sigma. Democrat. Episcopalian. Mason. Home: 3109 Cameron Mills Road, Beverly Hills, Alexandria, Va. Office: Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

He is highly recommended and endorsed by Vice President Wallace, Chester Davis, the American Farm Bureau, the National Grange, and has the approval of Secretary Wickard. He has the confidence of farmers generally and would be regarded as an outstanding agricultural representative.

He has served continuously with the Administration, first as the A.A.A. representative in Iowa, then as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture in 1936, and since 1938 as Administrator of the A.A.A.

He has established a residence in this Federal Reserve District since coming to Washington, and his home is in Alexandria, Virginia.

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*Sent by messenger 2/13/42
about 1:40 P.M.,*

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Chester Davis writes as to Evans:

"He is fine in every respect; well-trained, cooperative, intelligent; makes a good appearance and a good speech; has the confidence of farmers generally. In my opinion he would work into a very useful place on the Board. He is not a 'jarring' personality; in general, he would be a peacemaker on the Board. Back of this, is the fact that he has been interested in farm financing, and the Fed. Res. System, and has been a business-like farm operator. Personally, I should be very happy to see him on the Board."

Coming?

*Chum, Boy Or - Federal Crop
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