

*Sawyer: We will try to find out more
within the next few days. 20.*

March 9, 1939 - 11:20 A. M.

SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Between Miss Kathryn Henna
Richmond, Virginia

and Miss Maude Barrett
at Washington, D. C.

Call made from Washington

Miss Barrett telephoned to Miss Henna, at the request of Mr. Brinhall, to ask her to obtain some information regarding Mrs. Rodelle Sawyers, of Marion, Virginia. Mrs. Sawyers wrote a long letter to Senator Byrd, commenting on a copy of Senator Byrd's letter to constituents, dated January 25th, and upon the Congressional Record reprint of Senator Byrd's letter to Mr. Eccles, dated January 14th. Miss Henna stated that she would try to obtain the information and report today.

Later (4 p.m.)

Miss Henna telephoned Miss Barrett to report as follows in regard to Mrs. Rodelle Sawyers, of Marion, Virginia. The information was obtained from the principal of one of the schools in Marion and the President of the Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyers are independent thinkers - very aggressive and independent. Mrs. Sawyers writes articles for the Voice of the People in the Roanoke Times, and also for local newspapers. Most people think the articles are very good.

Mr. Sawyers is employed, probably in an administrative capacity, with the U. S. Forestry Service in the vicinity of Marion. At one time he worked in a CCC Camp - probably in an administrative capacity. He is an active member of the Young Democrats' Club. Mr. Sawyers probably finished grammar school, but did not attend high school. At one time he was in the Marine Corps.

The Sawyers family lives in one of the least desirable sections in Marion, but are highly respected. Mrs. Sawyers runs a boardinghouse. She is not a native of Marion, but came from another part of Virginia. She apparently belongs to no clubs or associations.

Miss Barrett asked Miss Henna as to the progress of the case review. Miss Henna Stated that she was very pleased with the results, and that she feels that the information which is being received will prove very helpful. Cancellations will probably run about one-half of one percent.

Maude Barrett:bc