

# New United States Envoy To Berlin Will Miss His Virginia Dairy Farm

### Dr. William Dodd Is University Of Chicago History Professor And Author

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CHICAGO—Dr. William E. Dodd, Uncle Sam's new ambassador to Germany, sat on the front porch of his home—"the one that was mortgaged," he smilingly chuckled.

It is a white stone, two family house at No. 6757 Blackstone avenue, a stately residential street a few blocks from Jackson Park on Chicago's South Side, and just a short distance from the site of the 1893 Columbian Exposition.

It is a home which reflects some of the quiet dignity of the man who has just been appointed by President Roosevelt to the important post in Berlin. A garden house was attached to the front in the front yard and two doors down the street a man was shoveling his lawn. Dr. Dodd had just thrown down the hose on the approach of the reporter.

Congratulations Pour In  
"Well, you see what a popular man I am," called Dr. Dodd to his law-shoveling neighbor down the street. He waved a sheaf of congratulatory messages and jerked a thumb toward the reporter.

"Hope you're just as popular where you're going," called back the reporter, raising to wipe his brow.

"Now," said Dr. Dodd, waving the reporter to a "porch chair," "what's on your mind?"

"Well—nothing to say about my appointment, you understand," said Dr. Dodd in his soft, southern-drawled voice.

"I don't know why I was appointed to this job. However, I'm sure I'm going to like it. It was a long and difficult appointment, I had indicated to President Roosevelt some time ago that I was willing to do anything I could to help. This is all I know about the matter."

"When do you expect to leave?" "I cannot tell you. But I can say this will be the first time in



Dr. William E. Dodd, new ambassador to Germany; Mrs. Dodd and their daughter, Martha, at their home in Chicago.

many years that I will miss my home—that is, I won't get one. You see I have a farm down in Virginia where I spent three months every year. That's where I do a great deal of my writing and where I enjoy my only hobby—farming. Or if you want to be exact, cattle raising. I have a wonderful herd down there—about two dozen Guernseys and Jerseys—I'll miss them."

Proud of His Farm  
Dr. Dodd already has been down on his farm several weeks. His face was tanned by the Virginia sun. He is a slight man, well-knit, with slightly graying hair. His eyes are steely blue and his gaze one of amusement and tolerance. He told of his farm, which he acquired in 1912.

"It's called 'Stoneleigh' and it's near Round Hill, Va.," he said proudly. "Part of the house is pre-Revolutionary and part pre-Civil War and the rest modern. Some of the house is more than 200 years old."

Here he has no telephone and lives without so-called modern conveniences. He tills the soil with his own hands, gets up at 5 o'clock and goes to bed at 9. And here, from spring until early autumn, he lives the life of a literary Cincinnati.

When he talked "cows and chickens," as he put it, his wife and daughter, Martha, joined him. Martha is a graduate of the University of Chicago, where her father has been professor of American history since 1908. Her brother, William E. Jr., is also a graduate. Martha is one of the literary editors of a Chicago newspaper and has ambitions to be a "good newspaper woman." She said her brother wanted to be a "writer like his father." He's now doing research work in the Congressional Library at Washington.

Mrs. Dodd and the two children will join Dr. Dodd in Germany as soon as he's settled over there.

Well Qualified  
Considered well qualified for the post, Dr. Dodd speaks German fluently, and took his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Leipzig in 1904. At the University of Chicago, where he is considered one of the most popular men on the faculty, he has the distinction of being one of the two first "Andrew MacLeish Distinguished Service Professors."

Dr. Dodd won recognition for

his work on the Civil War, the old South and its statesmen, and Woodrow Wilson, about which he has written 10 books and numerous monographs. At present he is in the midst of a "History of the South," of which he has finished two volumes in manuscript. It will run four volumes.

While he declined to discuss his plans, Dr. Dodd was willing to talk on one of his pet topics—"what can be done to get about getting out of the world-wide depression."

His Remedies  
His remedies, as he sees them, involve five steps:

1. A more equitable distribution of the returns of labor.

2. A "back-to-the-farm" movement for unemployed city workers who have had farm experience.

3. A "root-and-branch" reform of banking practices and a reduction of industrial overhead.

4. The deflation of politics and the elimination of government waste.

5. Reduction of tariff barriers and of international armament expenditures.

The new envoy's last few days in Chicago have been busy ones. When he leaves for Washington, he hopes to be able to get down to Virginia, for a few days—to his cows and chickens.

To the person on the street who might, casually meet this slow-speaking, gentle-mannered, wiry little man he might give the impression of a tired and overworked bookkeeper. But the mistake is realized the moment some question is put to him and he answers it with his soft courtesy and vivid precision.

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