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Mrs. Sam Wilson,
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

The pamphlet on Conservation the second subject to be dealt with in our series of Monthly Information meetings, is going forward to you today under separate cover. It should be in your hands immediately. We enclose with this a suggested press release and suggestions for the form which your club may give this meeting.

We regret that we have been unable to mail this pamphlet earlier. Mrs. Banister, its author, had to undergo a tonsil operation and so the writing was delayed a few days, and then revelations in connection with the Senatorial investigation of the Teapot Dome Naval Reserve lease required that the conclusion of the booklet be held up.

We call your attention to the vital necessity of getting publicity in the newspapers on your meetings held on this subject, as you so well succeeded in doing on the Civil Service meeting. It is evident that our clubs by studying and talking of Civil Service and by obtaining such wide publicity on their meetings have already had some effect. When our pamphlet was issued to you spoliation of Civil Service was unabated in the Federal Government. Our pamphlet provoked vitriolic attacks upon us by the Republican committee -- the attacks were doubly vicious because of the Republicans' total inability to defend themselves on their Civil Service record. Within the last few weeks, the administration's attitude has appeared to change, at least to the extent of a paragraph in the President's message and the promised re-instatement of the employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, whose unwarranted dismissal we told of in our pamphlet. On the other hand, A. P. Davis, engineer and veteran government employee, has not been offered restoration to the directorship of the Reclamation Service, from which he was ousted to make room for an Idaho grocer, and the latest assault upon Civil Service through the attempted nullification of the Reclassification Act by Republican politicians is so flagrant that a Congressional investigation is threatened.

Please send us programs and newspaper clippings on your Conservation meeting, which we hope will be as productive of good results as was the Civil Service meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Emily Newell Blair

Vice Chairman.

P. S. Are we sending you too few of these pamphlets and dodgers?