

SCHWABE COLL

February 27, 1945

Mr. W. H. Moseley
Rural Route No. 2
Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Moseley:

I am just in receipt of your request for farm bulletins and leaflets. These will go forward to you in a few days, and I am happy to render this service to you.

You also enclosed a carbon copy of your letter of February 21st addressed to Senator Elmer Thomas. I have read the same with much interest and am glad that you have sensed the situation that is so obvious from this end of the line. Duplications of effort and conflicting authority among the bureaus confront one at every turn here; and all of this tends to impede rather than speed up the efficiency of the war effort. It is disgusting but it is a natural outgrowth and development of the New Deal program.

Any suggestions you have to make at any time will be appreciated by me, as that is the way I can have the attitude and wishes of my constituents, and from such sources I should be able to glean knowledge and render efficient service as your Congressman.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Rt 2 Bartlesville, Okla.
February 21st. 1945

Hon. Senator Elmer Thomas,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you regarding the Agriculture Program as it is at this time and the changes that I deem necessary.

I have lived on a farm in Washington for twenty-three years and have taken an active part in the different phases of the program. I have been serving on the AAA committee, the FSA Farm Loan and as trustee on the Verdigris Valley Electric Co-operative for the past five years and find there should be many changes.

Washington County, the smallest in the State, has four farm agencies, with supervisors and office help totalling sixteen in all, with annual expense of twenty-five thousand dollars; all reports go to Washington by four different routes which adds greatly to the expense, making it out of reason, and there are duplications and petty jealousies among the supervisors that tend to cut down efficiency of the program.

We must have an Agriculture Program to conserve the soil and to work out a system of flood controls and I suggest that we have only one agency in each County, supervised by one official and all in one building - then when the farmer comes to the office for information he can get it without going all over town.

I further suggest that the Extension service be the national agency; with the land grant colleges available for education and their long experience in agriculture they will be able to place qualified men in the county positions.

As I am a member of the REA and serve on the board I think it should be an independent agency as it is the best and only program offered to the farmer that will pay back all money borrowed with interest, it should have the supervision of a man with vast experience in electricity and management and that Mr. Williams is not the man for the place.

I hope I have made myself clear and you can rest assured that eighty percent of the farmers are of the same opinion; as Chairman of the National Committee I feel that you are greatly interested and will give the farm program due consideration.

Yours very truly,

O.H. Wascley

Copy to Senator Moore
Copy to Congressman G.B. Schwabe