

SCHWABE COLL

*old age assistance
Bill*

March 27, 1946

Mr. R. M. Hamilton
1160 North Main Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your most interesting letter of March 18th relative to the old age pension bill and the local political situation.

First, I am most vitally interested in the old age pension bill, even more so than I have ever told you. I did something very unusual for me not long ago. I signed the discharge petition and sought no publicity for doing it. I became disgusted with the way they were trying to make a political football out of the problem here, and thought it was time to bring it to a show-down.

I appreciate what you have to say about local political matters. I quite agree with you on some of your lines of reasoning and conclusions with reference to the candidate you mention.

With all good wishes to you and yours, and our many mutual friends, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

GS:LW

Tulsa, Okla., Mar. 18, 1946.

Rep. Geo. Schwabe, First Dist. Okla.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear George;-

This letter is written by the instruction of Twonsend Club No. 2. You will note both sides of the card that I am herewith enclosing. Some of them got the idea that word is coming to you that our lamp has about gone out. The reverse is true. I feel certain that our idea is going to be away above par before many months.

With all of the information that is laid before our Representatives I marvel that HR 2229 is not passed without much further delay. It covers all of those who need it most, and includes our Congressmen. On the principle of equality I believe this is just and equitable. There is no restraint on what anybody may lay away for himself and his loved ones. But all should be made secure from want when the time comes that they can no longer secure employment, and in too many cases, could not labor if a dozen jobs were offered them.

It is just as important, in my judgment, and more so, that those who have toiled during their earning period should be assured security and comfort, as that all children should be granted free education regardless the financial status of their parents. Life insurance does not take care of this at all. It is a private means of gain. It covers only those who can pass the examinations and those who can pay. One out of ten policies reaches its objective.

When it is all summed up those who are working for the enactment of this wonderful law are working as much for your interest and the rich man's interest as they are for their own.

The rich are at once the beneficiaries of the law for the money at once goes into circulation for their increased business. That they cannot see this is to say that they are economically ~~blind~~ blind.

If you can keep in mind the truth that you represent all of us and not those who have the money in their hands, we shall be well represented. We shall work on until we win. Further retarding of the passage of this law or something approximating it is going to have results which those who oppose it will deplore. It will drive together all of those interests that are having to fight so hard for rights that will enable them to pay their way for themselves and their families. The people are not going to be repressed, suppressed, and restricted to degradation. They will fight for what is right if it is necessary to fight.

For my own part I am getting less and less faith in representation. I believe that we should take the matter of getting such laws as the one for which we are working into our own hands and use the initiative and referendum. Control is too much in the hands of a few and not of all of our representative bodies.

But that is a matter that we must take up when we have given every chance to our elected law makers to enact our will.

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I went down town Saturday night to listen to the city candidates on whom we shall pass our judgment tomorrow, present their claims for consideration to the people. I have often separated apples or potatoes from each other, the good and the bad, if you know what I mean. Well, that was the way I felt Saturday night.

You know by the papers how things stand. It is my guess that Burgher will be the Democratic candidate for Mayor. The people are not yet ready for Public ownership, if I read rightly.

This will keep Shaw out. Malloy and Crowley are freshmen. I did not hear Malloy, but I would not at all indorse Crowley. I believe Braden will pull through on his contest. Porter Smith is by far the best man on either side for Fire and Police Commissioner. These are just some guesses of mine..

Hope you and your family are all fine, George. Good wishes to all of you.

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They ~~re~~ habing one hoo contest for attendance in your fellows.
S.S. class. The ~~seeeeeee~~ razz each other plenty.

I need one of your good secretaries.

With good wishes, I am

Very sincerely your friend,

R.M. Hamilton.

1160 No. Main St., Tulsa, Okla.

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This is our method of inviting to work in the club and of passing the contribution plate. If you feel inclined to give these fine ~~good~~ fine old Americans a hand they will be very appreciative and they will use it for your good and their own.