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Mr. McLaughlin

Honorable Henry Horner, Governor
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th relative to your appointment of me as a member of the State Agricultural Conciliatory Committee.

There is no questioning the fact that there are many problems facing our citizenship in these days for which new machinery for solving these questions might well be set up. While it is true, as you state, that it will require a sacrifice on the part of those who accept such appointments as you have tendered me, yet, I realize that it is an honor to be counted among those who unselfishly make those sacrifices necessary in order to be of assistance in this critical hour in the history of our country.

We, of this generation, have inherited from our forefathers, as a result of their years of labor and sacrifice, a goodly heritage, a heritage which I feel it is the duty of this generation to pass on to the next; namely, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I sincerely believe that we should again return to a policy of individual responsibility under adequate governmental protection with the theory that if we save the individual home unit, every institution that is rendering a useful service will automatically be restored to its rightful and only place, that of service to society.

While it does seem strange to me that one who has never had the opportunities of a higher education should be selected to this responsible position to help in putting into effect a new theory of economic relationship, yet, I suspect that those of us who deal primarily with nature on farm and field have more of an opportunity to acquire ideas of justice that are both fundamental and practical than many of those whose lot has fallen in our great centers of population with their attendant, rush and turmoil.

I, therefore, accept the appointment you have tendered, hoping that I shall be worthy of the confidence you have placed in me.

Very truly yours,

Wm. E. Tanner

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