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## This One Is Long Overdue

We heartily applaud Reps. Edith Green, Robert Duncan and Al Ullman of Oregon for bills they have introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Their measures, identical in wording, would eliminate Congressional influence in the appointment of postmasters. They added further, that the bills "would properly place the appointment of postmasters in the Civil Service and away from the political influences of the past."

To which we add, "Amen."

We're all too familiar with the way postal appointments have been a political football. Party loyalty, not familiarity with the postal system, has been the usual determinant in selection of a new postmaster.

We remember one instance in Washington state where a Republican who knew about as much about post offices as a penguin was put into a job over the head of an eminently qualified Democrat. The GOPs were in power, you see.

## Webster on Welfare

In all the fuss over "Gov." Ben Musa's appointment of a Hood River man to the State Welfare Commission, not enough attention has been paid to the departing words of his predecessor, Roy Webster.

Webster, Hood River orchardist and a Mormon, is outspoken in his opposition to present-day welfare. An interview published in the "Hood River News" just after his resignation, gives a few of the reasons:

"I think the whole concept of public welfare is wrong," Webster was quoted as saying. "It's creating a race of moral lepers. Nothing stands still, it either goes ahead or backward, and I think it's time our welfare program came to a halt and started going backward."

"It's morally wrong to endorse the giving away of public funds and taxpayers' money. Welfare is going only one way — it's expanding. If it was reducing, I would be glad to serve."

A couple of years earlier a Democrat with qualifications just as unlikely got another postal job in a small town nearby. That time, the Democrats were calling the shots.

We don't know if the bill proposed by Green, Ullman and Duncan ever will see the light of day. Congressmen long have looked upon postal appointments as a first-class means of awarding the faithful. Many may be reluctant to give up the largess at their disposal.

But from a practical standpoint, it may not be as hard to pass as it sounds. Thanks to the 20 years of Roosevelt-Truman tenancy in the White House plus two more of Kennedy, Democrats fill the vast majority of postal positions today.

Strictly on the basis of numbers alone, Democrats would get most of the postmasterhips, even under strict Civil Service. The Democratically-controlled Congress may just buy the bill.

This one we'll watch with interest.

Webster continued: "Welfare should first of all be the responsibility of the family; second, the church and fraternal organization, and last of all at the county level — or a combination of two or three of these groups working together. The state and federal government should never enter into it."

Social workers probably will disagree, but we suspect a majority of taxpayers will agree with Webster. He asks, "Who is better to judge our neighbors need? Other neighbors or Washington, D.C.?"

And hard on the heels of Webster's resignation came the news that the state of Oregon leads the West in the percentage of ineligible welfare recipients. This dispatch, plus Webster's departure, isn't likely to build confidence in the welfare program.

It's too bad men of Webster's stature can't be maintained on the Welfare commission.

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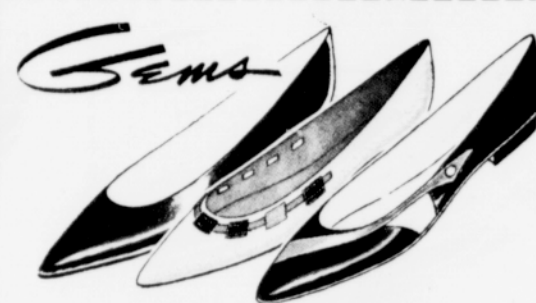
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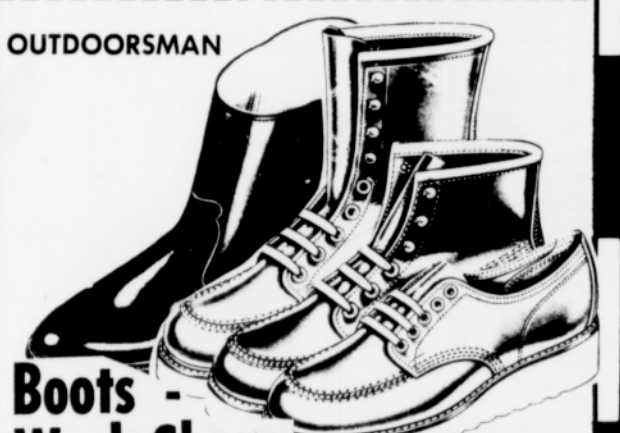
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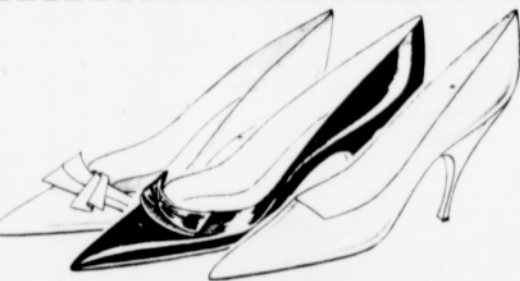
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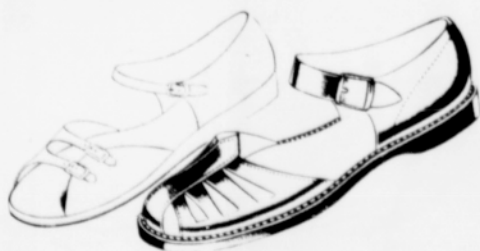
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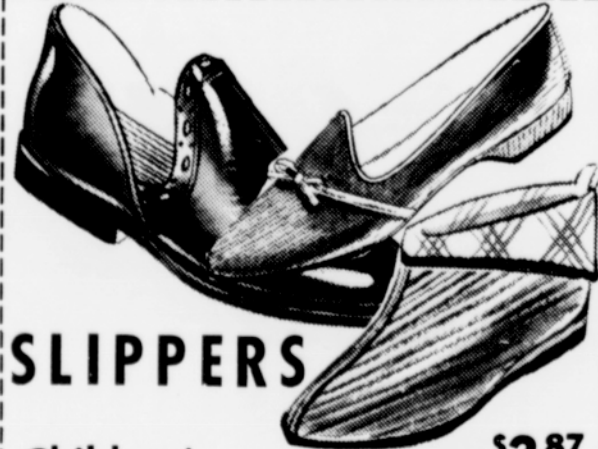
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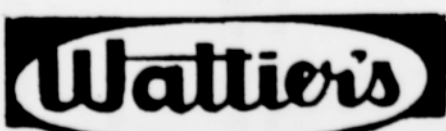
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