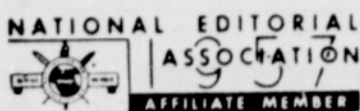


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WE TAKE OUR POT SHOTS AT THE P.O.

Many a publisher will sit down this week, typewriter in hand, and blister the back of Mr. Summerfeld, and the post office department in general.

There is no point in us sitting back and letting everybody else have all the fun. We want to get our licks in too. We will try a different approach, but we are happy to add our voice to the aroused mass.

The long suffering American Taxpayer, bless his hard working hands, has come to expect various services from dear old Uncle Sugar, with the full realization that all these services are paid for out of the tax dollar. Mr. Taxpayer should get plenty of these services considering the big, big bite taken out of his paycheck every week.

Our point is--we're nicked everytime we turn around. That money goes for various and sundry items, the military, national defense, farm subsidy, old age pensions, the veterans for aid here, and aid there. Some of it even winds up in the pockets of the bureaucrats.

However, most of these things take place somewhere else. In Washinton, or Arizona, or even in Timbuctoo. About the only time the local people see any government employees is in the local Post Office. There in that building we have evidence that all the money we pay in to the Federals don't wind up buying Cadillacs for a visiting Shiek.

Here then is the meat of the tale. We pay plenty to the government in many different ways. We don't expect too much in return, but we would like to see a little of that money spent at home--namely on Saturday in the post office here.

We know that most of the post office staff is on a salary basis. We know that they have to be at the post office on Saturday to distribute the mail anyway. We think that if we cut next years appropriation to Afghanistan that money can be used to keep the window here open on Saturday.

And another thing, while we're in a shouting mood, we don't like the post master generals way of bringing his budget shortage to a head. He knows that thousands of people will write their congressmen, and thousands of editors will write nasty editorials to bring pressure to bear. We don't like that pressure.

We're greatly displeased with the inadequate planning for the post office budget, and the gross underestimate of the funds to be used this year.

We don't necessarily expect to see the Postal Office Department operate in the black, any more than we expect the Department of Agriculture to operate in the black. We pay our dough, and we expect service.

CARTOON CORNER by.... Dick Wilson



LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir:
No mail tomorrow. But I guess I got my share this week, a total of fifteen pieces of "junk mail" advertising everything from art courses to Gieger counters (all unsolicited). I have no quarrel with anyone who uses the mail for a legitimate advertising media, such as local business, mail order houses, trade associations and charitable organizations, not to mention newspapers, magazines, religious material etc. However, I feel that the P.O. dept. is being misused by many persons as a means of cheap advertising and much of this so called "junk mail" is on the border of racketeering. So lets all write our congressmen and have our friends do so. If enough people got back of this movement we could stop this waste of P. O. labor and transportation.

Lets give them an opportunity to do a better and cheaper job for us, as at least half of the footage of mail in P. O.'s is this "junk mail".

Sincerely,
E. H. Jagers

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boberg, of Minnesota are in the area this week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Al Botzek, and family.

THANK YOU NOTICE

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown to us

during the recent loss of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Molly Hegge and children 10-1-p

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