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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death, your right to say it."
Voltaire

Own worst enemy

As the late Pogo used to say, "We has seen the enemy, and he is us."

The United State Postal Service in Washington, which went "public" to save the entire system, has been about as effective as the government's take-over of railroads which is now Amtrack or Conrail or some such name.

In their great wisdom, the U.S. Postal Service kept raising prices higher and higher with their parcel post service. They are now going to study why this is not a paying proposition.

We might save them a few million dollars for the study. The simple truth of the matter is that they priced themselves out of business. United Parcel Service and other such private carriers can do a better job for less money.

But a harder look should be given by Congress and we are asking Robert McEwen to look into the second class postage rates and how it is actually eroding the guarantee of a free press.

Most weekly newspapers, such as the Oswego County Weeklies, and every other one printed in Oswego County, are mailed to its subscribers. To have a circulation manager, carriers in each area, a rural route delivery system and all of the other periphery items needed for home delivery, is just too much of an expense for a weekly newspaper to absorb in its operation.

But what is happening is that the U.S. Postal Service has and is continually raising the Second Class postage rates, and controlled rates, not just once every few years, but once every two or three months.

One raise came in May. On July 6 all weekly newspapers were hit again with another raise in Second Class and controlled postage.

The postage rates are passed on to advertisers and subscribers. The merchants pass on the added advertising increase to their customers, and the circle goes on and on.

This, of course, is the perfect example of how the federal government gives only lip service to cutting inflation.

The insane part of the whole postal system is that most weekly newspapers have now reached the point where going to a carrier system will be cheaper than putting them through the post offices.

This will probably mean a loss of several billion dollars to the U.S. Postal System during any given year, the postal bill of material leaving our small office being well over \$100,000 each year.

Just like parcel post, the federal government will then have to do a survey to find out why they are losing money on Second Class, controlled circulation mail. Then they will have to up 1st class to get the billions back???

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Winery tour in the Finger Lakes



Welcome to New York's State's scenic Finger Lakes wine district say native beauties Lorrie Drake of Naples, New York and Amy Yates of Bristol. Both girls are serving as tour guides this summer at Widmer's Wine Cellars in Naples, New York where they show guests how grapes are made into wine and treat them to a wine tasting. The winery is open daily for free tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. It is located in the hill country at the Lake.

Chicken barbecue

A public chicken barbecue will be held at the North Mexico Methodist Church on July 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

homemade pickles and cake. Coffee, tea milk and Koolaid will also be served.

Admission will be \$2.75 for adults, \$1.50 for those under 12, and under five free.

The menu will be: one half chicken, salt potatoes, cabbage salad, green beans, home-made rolls and butter, and

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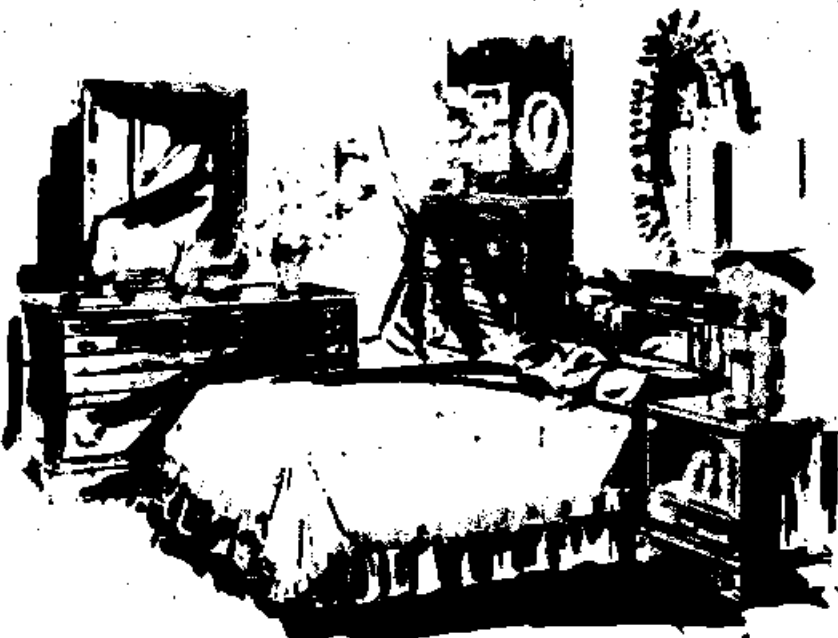
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