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FIGHT GOVERNMENT ENVELOPE PRINTING

UNFAIR COMPETITION profit to the Government.

Press Associations and Country Newspapers Opposed to the Practice; Campaign Is In Progress

The campaign being waged by the newspapers and printing industry of the country against the practice of the federal government in printing stamped envelopes for sale to the public is being carried into congress and the following statement from the interests backing this fight explains

its cause and purposes: In 1890, the Government manufactured and sold 540,000,000 stamped envelopes and in 1924 approximately 3,000,000,000. These figures represent the enormous growth of Government competition with private business in the manufacture and sale of stamped envelopes.

Unfair Competition How would other business men feel

if the Federal Government unnecessarily introduced competition with them and supplied consumers with their goods at cost or less than cost? Equality of opportunity is impossible under the present system. The Post Office Department contracts with one manufacturer for producing about 11,000,000 envelopes per day and sells these envelopes with a

printed corner card in quantities as

small as 500 at the contract price plus

cost of handling but no profit. The additional margin to cover cost of handling is so figured that they can sell 1,000 envelopes boxed and packed and all delivery costs absorbed in Manila, Alaska, California and Maine at the same price as at the door of the factory. The "Pittsburgh plus" scheme by private interests is unlaw-

Stamped envelopes were first devised to enable the Post Office to get the revenue due it even when letters were carried outside of the mail. The corner card is to relieve the Dead Letter Office and should be required on all letters, but we contend that ing or selling them in competition with his tax payers.

Obstructs Individual Endeavor The true field of Government is fully realized where it aids and prpotects equal opportunity everywhere. It is decidedly unfair to all classes of taxpayers, especially printers and merchants of the country to have the employees of 55,000 Federal Post Offices, using their official positioins to of Chicago, members of the board of compete with individuals engaged in private business. The present policy ten and Elementary college and their of making every post office a branch wives, assisted 'Mrs. Edna Dean house and turning about 400,000 post- Baker, president of the college in real employees into salesmen selling ceiving at the annual meeting and envelopes and printing, is unquestion- dinner of the governing board held ably a step in the wrong direction in the Orrington hotel, Friday evewhere a Government of free men ning, November 6. blocks or hinders the pathwaq of in-

dividual endeavor. masters to sell as many of these pedestrians will say they didn't know stamped envelopes as possible because they had any.

the more they sell the greater will be FIRST ANNUAL GOLF the receipts of their offices and their salaries are based upon receipts. Compensation is, therefore, in direct ratio to the damage done industry, without

No Financial Advantage The Government, under the present law, cannot receive a profit arising that a claim of financial advantage cannot be urged in support of the continuance of this system.

The printers and merchants in the small towns of this country are making an effort to obtain relief from this harmful practice. Nobody would ex-

We are asking economic justice as a sport.

Our efforts are not unpopular. In 1910, a similar bill passed the House of Representatives 192 to 27, A poll of the U. S. Senate and Postal Come first sponsored the project are as fol- Circuit Court of Lake County, Decemmittee showed a similar attitude lows: toward it, but the chairman of that committee did not permit the bill, as approved by the House, to come to a vote in the Senate. With your help, this unfair Government competition

Volume of Business The printing of envelopes in the average printing office is done on platen presses, and it is easy to realize the magnitude of the Government's business in this line when it reduced to platen press hours. would take one platen press, running at the rate of 1,500 per hour, a total of 754,829 hours to print the envelopes the government sold in bulk during 1922. This is equivalent to 94,-354 days of eight hours each.

Quite some job the Government is taking away from the printing industry of the nation.

ASSIST HOSTESS AT ANNUAL BOARD DINNER both men and women.

Receiving Line Friday Evening, Last

Dr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Jones of Evanston, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Starr of Winnetka, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Cuscaden of Highland Park, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland of Glencoe, and Mrs. Henry M. Cooper trustees of the National Kindergar-

Much said in the newspapers about It is to the interest of the post- the rights of pedestrians, but most

SHOW NEXT SPRIN

WIDE RANGE OF EXHIBITS when the spring golf sap begins to

from the sale of these envelopes, so Purpose Is to Encourage Interest of Public in the Sport and Show Promises to Be Success

pect manufacturers and dealers in ers of golf equipment, ranging from nated as depository and reference. other lines to submit if the Govern- the lawn mowers and green cups to ment were a direct competitor selling the club showers, sticks, bags and to their customers at cost or less than balls, the golf industry of the United country needs is more open forums, cost, collecting all accounts and us- States has reached the stage where while some say that it is more necesing the mails to take away their as an industry it rivals the tremend- sary to induce people to quit talking ous strides that it has recently made and go to work.

through legislation. The corrective The first annual National Golf legislation that we propose is for the Show and Country Club exposition elimination of Government competi- has just been announced to be held tion with its citizens in the merchan- at the American Exposition Palace, ple as "toilers," but unfortunately dising and printing of stamped en- (Furniture Mart), 666 Lake Shore velopes NOT in the manufacture of drive, Chicago, April 6th to 10th, in-

The purpose as announced by the manufacturers, amateurs, and professionals who formed the group that

Purposes Outlined "To encourage increasing public in- Lewis E. Jones, vs.

terest in better golf. place for manufactuers and purchas- filed in the office of the Clerk of said ers of standard golf merchandise and Court. country club equipment;

tives and professions with the latest Louise G. Jones, that the above named and most efficient methods of country Complainant heretofore filed his Bill best in country culb and greens equip- Chancery side thereof, and that a

building in the world, in which the fendant, returnable on the first day Golf show will be held, public putting of the term of the Circuit Court of greens and driving nets will be in- Lake County, to be held at the Court stalled and inspection stages built for House in Waukegan in said Lake professional driving demonstrations. County, on the First Monday of De-Varied Exhibits

grouped exhibits ranging from golf ing. balls to tractors, with fashion displays of golf apparel on living models for Model club houses, locker rooms and

Uncle Sam should not be either print- North Shore Residents in the accounting systems made necessary by the onrush of new golf clubs will 34-37

also be shown. And a dry 19th hole! The building in which the golf show will be staked is one of extreme architectural beauty, and it is anticipated one of the most brilliant shows of the year will be opened April 6th, just

Many popular professionals and amateur title holders have been invited to be present. The list of show executives includes Spearman Lewis, managing director, A. R. Shafer, associate director, and M. B. Seltzer, exhibit manager. The Boulevard Bridge bank, Chicago, Lawrence H. With more than 3,000 manufactur- Whiting, president, has been nomi-

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Some politicians think they get more votes by referring to the peomany of the toilers do not toil so as you would notice it very much.

IN CHANCERY-NO. 15806

ber term, A. D. 1925. State of Illinois, County of Lake, ss. Louise G. Jones.

"To provide a national market The requisite affidavit having been

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