

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS TO LEASE POST-OFFICE QUARTERS

Post Office Department, Office of Inspector, September 29, 1953. Proposals are hereby solicited, to be received in the office of Post Office Inspector Melvin Northrip at Seattle 11, Washington up to and including October 30, 1953, to furnish quarters suitable for post-office purposes at Brookings, Oregon, under a lease subject to the provisions of the standard form of lease used by the Post Office Department, at a stated price per annum, including heat, light, power, water, toilet facilities, plumbing, heating, and lighting fixtures, safe* and/or vault, and all necessary furniture and equipment, for a term of five or ten years from date of occupancy.

Floor space of about 1,800 square feet is desired. Important considerations are a reasonably central location, good daylight, and accessibility to rear or side entrance for mails.

General building requirements, equipment specifications, and form of proposal, together with information concerning the provisions of the lease, may be obtained from the Postmaster or the Inspector whose name and address are indicated above.

Diagram of the rooms offered, showing inside dimensions, offsets, doors, windows, etc., and any adjoining ground for light areas, driveways, or parking areas, must be submitted with the proposal. Proponents may also submit photographs of their property and its surroundings if they so desire.

The Post Office Department reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to negotiate further with proponents for better terms, or to endeavor either before or after the closing date above indicated to secure offers on suitable properties, in addition to those submitted in response to this advertisement.

Proponents may be required to show whether the property offered is mortgaged and to furnish a concurring agreement by the mortgagee. Detailed information will be furnished by the undersigned.

Should the annual rental be specified to be \$20,000 or more, the proponent is required to submit with the proposal, a performance bond, a form for which will be supplied, in the amount of \$....., unless the inspector named in this advertisement determines the premises proposed to be leased will require only minor alterations and repairs before the commencement of the lease term. Said bond shall be surety for the preparation of the premises, the delivery of the premises to the Government, the execution of the formal lease, and its recordation, all in accordance with the terms of the proposal.

*Alternate proposals both with and without safe equipment are

Wooden Shelters In Basements Prove Good Protection From Atomic Blast

Washington, D.C.—A few board feet of lumber may save your family's life in an atomic attack.

A report just published by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association tells how simple wooden shelters in the basements of two wood frame houses survived an atomic blast during tests last March in the Nevada desert.

Two types of wooden shelters, a lean-to and a corner room, were constructed in the basements of both test houses. The houses were located about two-thirds of a mile and a mile and a half from ground zero—the point directly below a 300-foot tower from which the explosion was set off. The atomic blast was equal to some 15,000 tons of TNT—about 25 per cent less than the A-bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II.

In the house closest to ground zero, the shelters remained virtually intact despite collapse of the first and second stories. The NLMA report said the test indicated that under similar conditions persons inside the shelters would be safe from falling debris and flying missiles.

An important factor here, according to the report, was the manner in which the first and second stories of the house collapsed.

The lumbermen's association explained that the resiliency and integration of parts in the wood frame construction prevented the upper floors of the house from crashing into the basement in a compact heap of heavy rubble. Debris from the wood frame house was distributed so that the basement shelters were spared the burden of a single crushing load.

The second wood frame house, located more than twice the distance from ground zero, remained upright and there was no debris of any consequence deposited in the basement. Here again, the lumbermen declared, the wooden shelters proved they would afford effective protection and permit easy rescue.

The cost of materials for the wooden lean-to, easiest of the shelters to construct, is estimated at about \$40. Materials for the corner room are figured at about \$95. Both may be constructed

desired.

(Signed) Melvin Northrip,
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with the simplest hand tools.

The wooden lean-to is made of two-by-sixes spaced five inches apart and running at about a 45-degree angle from the wall to the floor of the basement. The two-by-sixes are covered with one-inch boards. Very little floor space is required since the shelter needs to be only eight feet long to accommodate four persons. The base of the shelter should be approximately four feet from the basement wall. It is suggested that the lean-to be built against the wall facing the most probable target area.

The corner room, which affords more comfort and space than the lean-to, has an additional advantage in that it may be used for storage purposes when there is no danger of atomic attack. Detailed instructions for the building of basement A-bomb shelters are available from the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

TEEN-AGE NEWS

A teen-age club dance was held at the VFW hall last Friday evening. It was the largest attendance ever known. Mr. and Mrs. Al Phillips were our chaperons. The new records were really enjoyed. We hope to have a crowd like this next time.

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The Portland field office of the U. S. Department of Commerce can furnish full information on these requirements. New bulletins are available for the following countries at 5 cents each:

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