

BUILDING IS CONSIDERED

LETTERS FLY AS PORTER ATTEMPTS TO GET BUILDING

Letters were still flying, as Congressman Charles Porter attempted to get the Post Office department to establish a better building in Harbor.

The Hanscans, who own the existing building, have offered to build a new building for the department, but that group has never committed themselves for any long term lease.

The letters, to Virgel Clark and to Ormonde A. King, assistant Postmaster General follow:

Mr. Virgel L. Clark
P. O. Box 281
Harbor, Oregon

Dear Virg:

In further reply to your letter of July 5, I am enclosing copies of two letters from the Post Office Department, one dated July 24 from the Postmaster General and the other dated August 20 from the Assistant Postmaster General in the Bureau of Facilities.

The last named letter, I am sure you will agree, is quite encouraging. I believe we have finally managed to build a fire under these people and they have apparently gone into action to really do something about the Post Office facilities at Harbor. For further details on my protest to the Postmaster General, please refer to my letter of July 18 to Mr. Summerfield, a copy of which was transmitted to you on the same date.

It is interesting to note that the Oregon State Highway Department has apparently assumed responsibility for correction of one of the major problems on the site. There also appears to be some possibility of the department's acquiring better quarters for the

Harbor Post Office despite Mr. Schwartz's declaration to me in his letter of June 5 that "budgetary limitations will not permit negotiations for new quarters at this time."

I will, of course, appreciate it very much if you will keep an eye on the situation locally and let me know how the work by the Highway Department and the negotiations by the Post Office Department for new quarters progresses.

Sincerely,
Charles O. Porter
Member of Congress

Honorable Charles O. Porter
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Porter:

As mentioned by the Postmaster General in his letter to you of July 24, I have been requested to reply further to your communication of July 18 concerning conditions at the Harbor Oregon post office.

After consultation with the owners of the Harbor facility, Messrs. Vernon and Elmer Hanscam, it was determined that the surface water condition around the post office was due to inadequate and improper drainage from the adjacent highway and was thus the responsibility of the Oregon State Highway Department. The Highway Department has been contacted and has promised to correct the situation immediately.

At the present time the Regional Director for the Post Office Department in Portland, Mr. S. G. Schwartz, and his staff are investigating the possibility of the acquisition of other quarters for this postal unit.



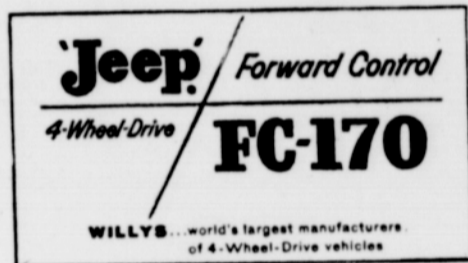
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