

New Building Planned for Post Office

Borough to Lose Famous Landmark On Myrtle Avenue

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ALLENDALE—The Allendale Post Office, at 100 West Allendale Avenue for 22 years, will move into a new and larger building next door at 4 Myrtle Avenue by Sept. 1, according to plans.

The new building, to cost approximately \$80,000, will be a two-story masonry structure. The first floor will house 3,074 square feet; a rear platform, 360 square feet, and a paved maneuvering area will include 3,974 square feet. The building will be air-conditioned.

It will be constructed by George A. Dean, of Allendale, on land purchased from Herbert J. Winter. Mr. Dean has been given a 15-year lease agreement by the Post Office Department, with two five-year renewal options.

The borough will lose one of its outstanding landmarks when a two-story frame structure at 4 Myrtle Ave. is moved to make way for the new Post Office.

Constructed in 1884

The former was built in 1884 by Garret H. Winter, grandfather of the present owner. A grocery business was opened under the name of Winter and Leamon. Later, coal was added to the stock. A few years after the opening, Mr. Leamon left the business which then became Winter and Smith. In 1904, Mr. Winter took in another partner, and the business became Winter and Christopher.

As this was the so-called "horse and buggy" era, the Winter store was not only the business center, but also the social center of the community. It was a gathering place for persons who worked and lived locally, and also for commuters before and after trips on the nearby Erie Railroad.

John W. Winter, inherited the business in 1912, being succeeded four years later by his sons, William L. and Herbert J. In 1932, a new, modern store was constructed on West Allendale Avenue and the business moved there.

Meantime, the owners had started



Postmaster Archie Farrell stands in front of the Allendale Post Office, soon to be vacated for a new building. The new edifice, next door, is to be erected by George Dean and leased to the government. It is hoped that the building will be ready by Sept. 1.

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stocking hardware in addition to groceries. Today, the former comprises much of the stock of the Winter store.

More Business Now

The new Post Office building, Postmaster Frank A. "Archie" Farrell, said yesterday, was necessitated by the tremendous growth in business volume during recent years.

As an example, he noted that in 1942, the total Post Office business

was \$12,782, whereas last year it was \$44,672.

Working with Mr. Farrell are William Anderson, assistant postmaster; Charles Edgerton, clerk; Frank Neuman, William DeLonga, Marjorie Chadwick, Marguerite Farrell; these carriers, Warren Scherb, Fred Hasenbalg and Mark Williams, and rural carriers, Charles W. Scott and Benjamin M. Post Jr.

Postmasters who preceded Mr.

Farrell from the present on back were John J. Kelly, Mrs. John J. Kelly, William J. Z. Critchley, John Winter (father of Herbert J. Winter), and Mitchell McDermott. The Post Office was in the Winter store while John Winter was postmaster.

First site of the Allendale Post Office was the Erie Station. It then was moved to the Winter store and still later, to 79 West Allendale Avenue,