

New Shalimar Post Office Opens For Business

The new Shalimar post office became the first to occupy the newly constructed Shalimar Office Center, when the government installation was moved

The new Shalimar Office Center, located next to the Shalimar Shopping Center, is estimated to contain 7 other offices beside the

post office. Completion date for the overall construction of the building is estimated to cost over \$100,000 and construction has been set at May 1 of this year.

Built after the style of an old Spanish mission, when finished the construction will consist of 7100 feet of floor space.

"All seven of the offices will be self-contained suites with their own tile bathrooms," Jim Tras of Shalimar Homes Corp. said. One of the offices will be occupied by his firm.

The new, fire-proof construction will contain central gas heating and air conditioning with a thermostatic control for each office.

The offices are furnished with ponderosa pine, pecky cypress, and walnut paneling with an antique hand-rubbed finish and wall-to-wall carpeting.

The exterior of the building is surrounded by an arcade covered with hand-split cedar shake shingles and supported by concrete columns.

"This is what we hope to be the beginning of a new neighborhood shopping center built on this same architectural style," Tras said.

Built by Joel L. Richardson



Spanish-Style Building

The new Shalimar Post Office is part of this new office complex.

Contractors, the new office building will have parking space for some 40 cars.

The building was designed by Ricks and Kendrick of Fort Walton Beach, and the interior decorating was done by Douglas McDuffee of Pensacola.

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into the still unfinished construction Tuesday night.

The post office officially opened for business at its new location at the regular time Wednesday morning.

"This is the fifth move the Shalimar post office has made since being established in 1941," Postmaster Alto Cain said.

The first postmaster, C. H. Meigs, operated from a small office located near where the Shalimar Shopping Center now stands. The installation now has 6 employees.

The new installation contains 3200 square feet of floor space whereas the one just moved from had only 1250. Its formal dedication has been tentatively set for April 17.

"We can tell quite a bit of difference in the room we now have and that before we moved," Cain said.

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