

Wilson
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Post Office: El Cajon
1960-1963

A large collection of letters, office notes, news clippings, excerpts from the *Congressional Record*, postal cards & telegrams. These are filed in descending order from 1963-1960.

Examples are: letters (Oct. & Nov. 1963) from The Mollway Hall Corporation, the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce & Congressman Wilson re/ concerns about the proposed new Post Office in El Cajon; letters (Sept.-Oct. 1963) from Dr. Howard C. Anderson, Joseph P. Doherty (Executive Asst., Bureau of Facilities, Post Office Dept.) & Wilson re/ As part of a group of men owning "the two acre, lot 21, that is one of the pieces of land that are being considered" for the new El Cajon Post Office, Dr. Anderson was concerned about decisions being made in Washington; letters & news clipping (10/63) re/ issue of being a temporary clerk-carrier substitute clerk, scoring high on examinations, but still being bypassed for a career position; letters (May-June 1963) re/ responses to an El Cajon constituent's complaint about "the worst postal service I have ever seen;" letters (12/62-2/63) re/ interest in location of new Post Office site; packet of letters, notes & news clippings (1962) re/ need for improved postal facilities for El Cajon because of population increases , other information and Bureau of Operations responses; a letter (4/10/62) from a San Diego constituent & Wilson's brief reply (4/23/62) re/ a meeting was held in early April in which several representative employees from the El Cajon Post Office concluded that "the postmaster and all other supervisors be removed for incompetence and malfeasance;" three copies of pp. A6485-A6488, *Congressional Record – Appendix* (1961) featuring the Hon. Bob Wilson's remarks about the "Heartless Firing of Government Workers for Political Reasons;" draft copy & copies of Wilson's Aug. 17th speech and other letters (8/61); a letter (10/13/61) from Frederick C. Belen (Asst. Postmaster General) re/ "Mr. William G. Clark is being appointed acting postmaster at El Cajon, California, today;" letters & notes (Aug.-Oct. 1962) re/ American Legion, VFW & others complain that The Veterans' Preference Act is being violated by Federal agencies; postal cards and letters (Aug.-Sept. 1961) re/ the controversy over disabled veteran Thomas C. Smith, Jr., Acting Postmaster, being replaced by 18-year postal employee Joseph Switzer; excerpts of news clipping from the *El Cajon Valley News* (8/27/61) mailed to Wilson by Capt. Thomas C. Smith, Jr. re/ "Switzer Ruled 'Unacceptable' As Postmaster. Engle Says Action by PO Department; Carriers Opposed" & Editorial - "They Knew The Rules All Along – The Republican campaign to save Acting Postmaster Tom Smith of El Cajon from being replaced by a Democrat is beginning to give off squeaks of desperation. . . . When the Republicans lost the presidential election, Mr. Smith lost his job security. This is politics;" letters, telegrams & news clippings (8/61) re/ an extensive number of supportive commentaries for retaining Thomas Smith as Acting Postmaster at El Cajon; a letter (8/21/61) from a Ramona constituent & Wilson's reply (8/29/61) re/ "I have just been reading your article on the Postmaster, Thomas C. Smith, Jr. and his removal from the El Cajon Post Office. But you neglected to say that the disabled veteran was an officer and is drawing a substantial pension from the government. . . . you Republicans are just cry babies;" a letter (8/2/61) from Assistant Postmaster General Frederick C. Belen to Wilson re/ Wilson's support for the retention of Mr. Smith – "the department is within its right to replace one

acting postmaster with another at its discretion;" letters (2/61) & photo re/ further commentary from Wilson and Smith as to alleged collusion against him and new building; letters (Sept.-Oct. 1960) re/ discussion of postmastership at the first-class post office at El Cajon and "whether the Civil Service Commission should . . . schedule an open competitive examination"—also, "Acting Postmaster Smith is not a career postal employee and, therefore, is not eligible for promotion through non-competitive examination;" telegram and memo (8/60) re/ Thomas C. Smith, Jr. to be installed acting postmaster El Cajon effective August 5; letters (8/60) from constituents & Wilson's reply re/ "I have no set policy with regard to recommendations for Postmasters;" two telegrams (8/60) re/ featuring the controversy over appointing Tom Smith; letters (8/60) re/ at least 8 Lakeside, Santee & El Cajon constituents supported Joe Switzer be appointed Acting Postmaster – Wilson's replies indicated he was appointing fellow Republican and veteran Tom Smith.