



## HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 27, 2003

City Hall Council Chambers  
313 Court Streets  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eric Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Bob McNary, Anita Clason,  
and Dixie Parker

The following Commissioners were absent: Daniel Dundon

Staff present: Dan Durow, Community Development Director  
Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary  
Dorothy Davison, City Council Rep.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clason moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Parker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously, Dundon absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 23, 2003. Parker moved to approve the minutes as submitted and McNary seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Dundon absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### PUBLIC HEARING-Quasi-Judicial

- A. Historic Landmarks Commission Application #82-03 of The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce to demolish their existing historic office building and replace with a new building and site plan.

Gleason read the rules for conducting a public hearing. Next, Gleason asked the Commissioners to declare any bias, ex-parte contact, or conflict of interest. Commissioner Clason said she had a conflict of interest due to the fact she is an employee of the Chamber of Commerce. Director

Durow said the rest of the Commission should decide if they felt Clason's declaration would affect her vote. Parker and McNary stated they believe it is a real conflict and Clason removed herself to the audience. Parker said she has been friends with Susan Huntington for seventeen years but does not feel it would influence her vote. McNary said he has been an acquaintance of Huntington for many years but does not feel it would change his vote. Gleason said he had discussed the proposal with Huntington during the winter and does not feel it will affect his vote.

Gleason declared the public hearing open and asked for the staff's presentation.

Durow presented the Staff Report. Durow clarified that the new building and site plan are not before the Commission for review today. The hearing today is solely for the purpose of deciding if the existing Chamber building should be demolished or removed. Durow said the new building and site plan will also be brought before the Historic Landmarks Commission at a future hearing.

Durow asked if the Commission had any questions of Staff and there were none.

Gleason handed out several copies of newspaper articles (exhibit 1). He clarified that even though the National Register says construction took place in 1937, it appears that actual construction was completed in early 1939.

Gleason asked for proponent testimony.

### **Proponent Testimony**

Jack Evans, The Dalles, spoke first. He handed out a packet (exhibit 2) from the Chamber that explains their project. Evans presented the packet. Evans started by saying the Chamber needs more room. The Chamber building committee has looked at eight potential sites for a new Chamber facility but the building committee has decided that none of them were equal to or better than the existing site. Evans detailed the new building and said a visitor center and community meeting space will be available in the proposed new building. Evans went on to say that the second story office would not be constructed during the initial construction period. That will reduce the overall square footage and eliminate the cost involved with the elevator at this time. The Chamber building should make a good first impression on those people visiting our City. Evans added that the Chamber must be progressive, not regressive. He asked the Commission if they had any questions.

Gleason asked about constructing an addition onto the existing building. He said the Chamber report said the addition could only be 800 square feet. Gleason asked if that would be an addition on the east side of the building.

Evans said that is correct. He added that the Chamber was told that the donations of materials and labor from vendors and contractors wouldn't be as great if the Chamber wasn't constructing a new facility.

Gleason asked if they had considered adding on to the south or the west the building.

Evans said he doesn't believe there is any way to do that.

Joe Seckora, The Dalles, contractor of record for the Chamber, said he would answer that question. Seckora said the building could be added on to in all different directions. However, setbacks and parking requirements are an issue with the existing building location and adding on to it. Developing the basement into usable space was looked at also. Seckora said that would be cost prohibitive and uninhabitable space so they did not run any numbers on it.

Gleason next asked how the amount of \$80,000 for foundation repair was calculated.

Seckora said the floor slopes about 22 inches from the southeast corner to the northeast corner even though there are no structural deficiencies visible in the basement. However, the structural supports under the piers are insufficient. The tilted building has caused the roof to not drain correctly and all the water sits to the north rather than drains to the south. Consequently, there is a lot of water damage to the building. There is no insulation in the building. The electrical work is an ungrounded system and would require an extensive upgrade.

Gleason asked why donations for labor and materials would be drastically less for a remodel and addition to the old building compared with a new building.

Seckora said this project has been designed as a "building blitz". The plan is start to finish in 30 days. People want to be recognized for doing something in a short amount of time and accepting the gratis of that. A renovation of the existing building could not be done in a building blitz. People are willing to donate two or three days of time. Seckora said he is donating two weeks of his time to oversee the project. A renovation, on the other hand, would take several months, and he can't donate that much time. He has talked to vendors and they don't want to give free materials for an addition to the old building. The vendors want to see something bright, shiny, and new. They want the new Lincoln.

Darrell Hill, Chamber President, said he wants this new building to be a community project, not just a Chamber project. That is why so many people are willing to donate time and materials. Hill also clarified that demolition is not the only option. They would be willing to sell the building and have it moved somewhere else. Hill said, without the donated labor and materials, the Chamber would not be able to afford a new facility. He is sure the community does not want the Chamber to be sitting there, looking like it is today, when the west gateway project is completed. Hill said having to remodel the existing building would cause the Chamber to lose all the momentum and energy they have put into this project so far.

John Hutcheson, The Dalles, thanked Gleason for the newspaper articles. He said it was interesting to see that back in 1938 the Chamber had outgrown its existing 30-year old building, which was also irreparable, and constructed the current facility. Hutcheson noted the historic comparison and said the Chamber is making the same plea now with a 70-year old building.

Gleason said it is important to note that the Chamber did not own that 30-year old irreparable building, but instead was leasing it.

Darren Eckman, Tenneson Engineering, The Dalles, spoke for the Chamber regarding the condition of the existing building. Eckman said there are many constraints with adding on to the existing building. The roof and framing system would be difficult to add on to. The single slope pitched roof would limit an addition to the south, while going to the east would eliminate

additional parking, about six parking spaces. Eckman said a small parking lot could be created on the west side by removing some of the trees. Head-in parking on the south side of the building would require maneuvering in the right of way, which is not allowed.

Durow asked if the Chamber had plans to demolish the building before November 22, 2003.

Seckora said no. The plan is to demo first and move into temporary office space. March or April of next year is the projected start date.

### **Opponent Testimony**

Jacqui Chung, The Dalles, spoke against the demolition. Chung urged the Commission to preserve the building. Chung said she has heard no testimony that demonstrates why this building must be demolished. Adding on to the existing building may be more of a challenge but is not impossible. Chung said it is not progressive to destroy historic structures. Realizing what they are worth and doing everything possible to renovate and preserve them is progressive.

### **Rebuttal**

Evans stated that the costs and constraints of adding on to the existing building have been presented very clearly. The Chamber building is the first line of contact for visitors to our community and it should be a jewel and outstanding. Evans does not feel that walking into an old building, chopped up with renovation, creates a good impression.

McNary asked about the square footage comparison between old and proposed new.

Evans said the current building has 1840 square feet. The additional east "wing" would add approximately 800 square feet. The new proposed building has 5600 square feet and includes a community room, which would be open to anyone in the community to use. The second story would not be finished during the initial construction.

McNary said there is quite a difference between the 1840 square feet currently in use versus 5600 in a new building. McNary asked Evans if the Chamber really needed something that big.

Evans said given the current status of the Chamber they do need a building close to the one proposed.

Barbara Pashek, The Dalles, asked if an addition would have to look exactly like the existing building.

Gleason said no, the Secretary of the Interior criterion says additions should have something that sets them apart from the original. However, all new building codes would apply to the addition. Gleason clarified that this Commission has jurisdiction over the exterior of the building, not the interior.

Evans added that the exterior of the proposed new building would be wood siding with an enclosed front porch to give it an older appearance.

Durow informed the Commission that the Urban Renewal Agency had approved funding for the Chamber to hire David Evans and Associates to help the Chamber design a site that would accommodate RV parking, staff parking, adequate access to and from the facility, and incorporate the Chamber site into the West Gateway Transition project. The Chamber decided it did not want to do this. Durow said there is right of way that may be available for Chamber use when the west gateway project is completed.

Gleason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

### **Commissioner Deliberation**

Parker said it is evident that the Chamber needs more space. She went on to say that it is evident there is no reason to demolish the existing building. Parker said it is crystal clear the historic building is simply in the way of the new building the Chamber is proposing to build.

Gleason said based upon the review criteria the case is cut and dry for him. The landmark is in good condition, it doesn't appear the costs of renovation are any more unreasonable than other historic property in The Dalles and may possibly be less costly because it is in good shape. It is going to cost money to fix the old building but it will cost money to build a new one. It is more challenging to renovate a historic building than to tear it down. Gleason asked why the Chamber could not take their existing energy and effort and channel it into preserving the current building, on the current location or at another location, but preferably at the existing site? Gleason pointed out that this building is part of the Chambers history. It was built by the Chamber specifically for them. The building was one of the last constructed during the depression when our Country was on the verge of going to world war. This building says a lot about our Community. Tearing this building down, at this time, would also say a lot about our Community, and it would not be saying good things about the Community. This is a significant building and was built using public funds. Gleason urged the Chamber should step up to the plate and bring this building back, and he believes it is not an unreasonable request. Gleason addressed Evans comment about making a good first impression on visitors as they enter our town. One of the first signs people see is "Welcome to Historic The Dalles" and while the Chamber may not be the prettiest building, it is historic, and the building style is starting to come back into vogue. Gleason feels the Chamber building is a diamond in the rough that could be used to advantage. The Chamber should be able to generate energy and enthusiasm amongst the community to renovate the historic site and construct an addition.

McNary said he agrees with everything Gleason said. The Dalles is an historic city, but if we keep tearing down our historic buildings we will no longer be an historic city. McNary said the problem isn't the Chamber building, the problem is the Chamber site is too small. Visitors are showing up in motor homes and RV's and the current lot cannot accommodate them. Placing a bigger building on the lot only makes the situation worse. He is not in favor of demolishing the historic building.

Parker moved to suspend the demolition application for 120 days from the date of the application and to require the applicant to comply with the mitigation measures as written in the staff report. McNary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Dundon absent and Clason recused.

**RESOLUTIONS** - This item was removed as the demolition was denied.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District has not responded to the request for a copy of their maintenance/replacement plan for the City Park Trees or provided a brief report of the tree removal process and how they selected the specific trees that were removed. Secretary Ball said she would follow up.

The Commissioners also asked for an update on “Elizabeth”, the woman who has an active headstone in the Pioneer Cemetery. Durow said Hert had done investigation but is not sure what was learned however.

Durow gave a brief update on the Sunshine Mill demolition status. The Demolition Permit goes with the property and is valid for one year. Nothing has happened to date. Durow feels there are some good opportunities available for the site.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Gleason and McNary updated the Commission on the Gardeners cottage, which is waiting for a foundation.

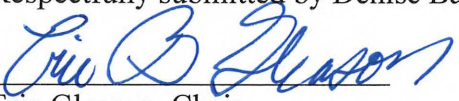
**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2003.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.

  
Eric Gleason, Chair  
Historic Landmark Commission

## CHAMBER ORDERS PLANS PREPARED FOR NEW HOME

### Building Program Given Consideration; Site Now Available

(Daily of Jan. 25)

Possible construction of a new chamber of commerce building in The Dalles loomed today, following authorization by the directors of a \$500 expenditure for plans and specifications.

The committee to consider plans, named by President H. L. Eddins, consists of Dr. Thompson Coberth, chairman; N. H. Marlin, C. E. Foster, H. E. Oneal, F. J. Kargl, Harry Walther and J. W. Hoech.

The board, which met at the Hotel Dalles yesterday under the chairmanship of Vice-President R. B. Bennett, took action because needed repairs to the present chamber headquarters seem unjustified, it was reported today.

Estimates for the proposed structure, which would be located on a plot of ground purchased last summer by the chamber, range from \$12,000 to \$20,000, depending upon the type of building to be built.

#### Site is Large

The site for the structure, located east of Mill creek and north of St. Mary's academy, has an area of 27,000 square feet and can accommodate a building 50 by 65 feet, it was estimated.

Under plans as outlined today, the structure will be a one-story affair unless additional organizations go into the project with the chamber of commerce. Possibility that a main structure would be constructed, allowing sufficient room for wings to be added later, appeared likely.

The present building has been in use by the chamber of commerce since 1916, it was said. Originally built as an exhibit room, it has been twice moved from its original site. It was built in 1910.

**Girls Know Rules of  
Traffic Better Than  
Boys, Shown by Test**

(Daily of Jan. 25)

Girls apparently know their bicycle rules better than boys, if

## DEMURRER IS FILED IN DAMAGE SUIT

INSUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR  
ACTION IS DECLARED  
SHOWN IN COMPLAINT.

(Daily of Jan. 22)

The stage was set here today for a battle over the rights of private fishermen to fish on shore lands of the Columbia river deeded to private companies, a battle that may affect the status quo along the course of the entire river.

A demurrer to a complaint filed by Glen Andrews, local fisherman, was filed today by Brown and Van Vactor, attorneys for the Seufert Brothers company, claiming that the complaint filed in Andrews' behalf "does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action."

In the petition, attorneys for the fishing company state that the point upon which the defendant will rely is that it "appears affirmatively that there was probable cause for the commencement of the criminal action against the plaintiff on the basis of the action, and also for the arrest and holding to bail of the plaintiff."

#### Damages Asked

The petition in behalf of Andrews, filed by Galloway and Krier, attorneys, on January 13, asks \$150 special damages, \$2,000 for damage to his fishing occupation and \$500 exemplary damages for the arrest of Andrews on the complaint of Seufert Brothers company.

Andrews alleges he was charged with unlawful and willful trespass on lands of the defendants, about 1500 feet northeast of the old cement fishwheel. He alleges he was under bail of \$100 from June, 1937 until December, 1937, at which time the circuit court set aside the order of bail on petition and motion of the defendant.

The present suit may involve the validity of deeds by the state of Oregon to certain shore lands on the Columbia river, a navigable stream. It is likely the hearing will not be set for several weeks as Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson has been assigned to Portland for two weeks.

## REED'S NOMINATION APPROVED BY SENATE

ROOSEVELT APPOINTMENT  
GENERALLY APPROVED;  
VOTE UNANIMOUS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (UP—

## CHIANG KAI-SHE ORDERS PURGE DEFENSE FOR

### Terrific Battle Due Start In Shantung Region Soon.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24. — General Han Fu-Chu, one of the best known military leaders, former governor of rich Shantung province, was executed after a court martial ordered by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The execution indicated nationalist government intention to purge its ranks of all officers as General Chiang aims to form a formidable army for a "last fight" south of the Yellow River along the borders of Shantung province, which Han lost.

General Han went before court martial last night, charged with political and military offenses and charged with disobeying high command by ordering retreat. The court found him guilty on all charges and his execution was announced officially.

The Hankow correspondent of Japan's Domei News agency reported that two other war leaders, General Yen Hsiang-shan and General Feng Yu Hsiang, were being detained. The agency reported that Feng-Yu-Hsiang had to give up his position as a member of the war council, but once known as the "C. General" General Yen was a military commissioner in Shansi and Suiyuan provinces.

#### NO HYDRANT RENT

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24. — Salem is the only city in the United States where the city water department is not paid hydrant rental, according to Manager Van Patten.

#### HOOD RIVER YOUTH

PORTLAND, Jan. 24. — An automobile carrying three hooded boys collided head-on with a street car on east 11th street Sunday, resulting in injuries to the driver of the street car, 13-year-old Kange Kawahara of Hood River.

Kange's brothers, Hiro and Teddy, 16, were hospitalized with severe lacerations. Motorist E. Whitesell escaped unhurt though he was tightly held in the vestibule of the street car by the impact, which drove

EXHIBIT 1

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### CHAMBER BUILDING PICTURES DISPLAYED

ARCHITECT'S DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED STRUCTURE ARE SHOWN HERE

(Daily of Feb. 5) Two drawings, one a completed picture of the proposed chamber of commerce structure after two wings have been built and the other a front view of a building that can be built by the chamber for approximately \$6,500. The drawings were presented to the building committee at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

The central portion, as outlined by the architect, I. S. Payne Jr., calls for three office rooms and a lobby.

No action was taken by the committee in the absence of Dr. Thompson Coberth, chairman. Methods of financing the project were considered. Announcement of these will be made later.

The present chamber building, which is beyond repair would be abandoned under present plans. The Union Pacific, which has leased the land for \$1 a year, has indicated that at some future time it might want the ground. The lease expired two years ago, but the railroad has allowed the chamber to continue occupation of the building, it was said.

The building was proposed recently on a site at the west end of the city which was purchased last summer from the Union Pacific.

### 40 Discharged After CCC "Sitdown Strike"

BEND, Ore., Feb. 4. (UP)—A sit down strike of CCC enrollees from New York and New Jersey, stationed in the central Oregon "high desert" near Brothers, ended today with the dishonorable discharge of about 40 of the boys. The strike was reported to have started after complaints from the boys that they were not receiving sufficient food.

Officers of the camp reported there had been some delay in food shipments to the camp. They appealed to the boys for cooperation until the shipments arrived, but about 40 refused to answer work calls early this week. A few were discharged early in the week and 23 more started the long trip home last night. The camp was reported peaceful today.

### Foul Play Hinted in Death of Itinerant

(Daily of Feb. 5) State police today were investigating the possibility that Edward Francis Mayer, who was killed more than a week ago near

### WASCO COUNTY WOMEN WILL MAKE TRIP

LARGE DELEGATION GOING TO CORVALLIS; PLAN TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

(Daily of Feb. 5) The largest delegation from Wasco county ever to attend the state home interests conference consisting of 17 women, will leave Monday morning from The Dalles and other points. Mrs. Louise C. Harwood, county home demonstration agent, said today.

Last year only four delegates from this county attended the conference, which deals with a multitude of questions of interest to women.

The women will motor to Corvallis in cars of Mrs. Agnes Crabtree of Maupin, Mrs. Roy Johnson of The Dalles and several others. One woman, Mrs. Una Evans of Dufur, who has been visiting in California, will stop in Corvallis en route home.

The conference starts officially Tuesday and will last for four days. Some events will be held Monday.

The complete list of those from this county, in addition to Mrs. Harwood, will be: The Mesdames Charles Reiter, J. W. Ingram, Charles L. Nellor, Don Miller, Agnes Crabtree, Bertha R. Kirsch, Duux Schmidt, Lillie Tindall, Nora B. Paulsen, Edna Renken, Kathryn Wilcox, Walter Bailey, Harry Wilson, Ben Veatch and Nettie Fowler.

### "CORPSE" WAS ALIVE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7. (UP)—Harry McNeil was alive today although yesterday he was just another "corpse" in the county morgue. Pronounced dead by a police surgeon, McNeil was taken to the embalming room. An attendant detected a slight fluttering of McNeil's eyelids. The attendant uncorked a bottle of ammonia and passed it back and forth under McNeil's nose. The "corpse" groaned, sat up and talked.

McNeil was beaten by a foot-pad and left unconscious on a sidewalk.

### APPOINTMENT PROTESTED

SHANGHAI, Feb. 7. (UP)—Military authorities of Great Szechuan province in western China have protested against appointment of General Chang Chun, secretary of the national military council, as provisional governor and have threatened hostilities unless he is removed, it was reported today.

### MEDFORD ALSO PLANS ANTI DACKETED BILL

### PORTLAND GRAND JURY CONSIDERS TERRORISM DATA

Will Seek Indictments On Many Counts, Is Intimated Today.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7. (UP)—State-ments taken from 42 of 44 men arrested here since January 29 in a police round-up of alleged labor terrorists will be presented to a county grand jury today.

Seven arrests were made during the week-end. The last person apprehended was Leo Lomski, ex-convict known as the "Aberdeeh Assassin" during his ring career, who was arrested at Newport and brought to Portland on two charges of assault and battery.

District Attorney James R. Bain will seek indictments today on charges ranging from assault to attempted destruction of property with explosives.

Captain of Detectives John J. Keegan said confessions of suspects include attempted bombing of two ships in the harbor; window-breaking vandalism including automobile concerns, bakeries, grocery stores; dumping of sawdust from fuel trucks, and beatups of various natures.

A threat of retaliatory action by the Committee for Industrial Organization against the American Federation of Labor hung over the lumber industry, meanwhile, as five large sawmills and two smaller plants reopened for short runs today.

After employes of two mills bolted C. I. O. ranks last week to receive A. F. of L. charters, President Harold J. Pritchett of the International Woodworkers of America, hinted at a C. I. O. boycott of lumber made by A. F. of L. workers.

Pritchett made public excerpts from a letter written by Harry Bridges, western regional C. I. O. director, in which he said the C. I. O. might move at San Francisco to have A. F. of L. lumber stopped if necessary.

It was an A. F. of L. boycott on C. I. O. lumber which led to the shutdown of seven large mills here last August.

### TOWNSEND'S SENTENCE FOR CONTEMPT UPHELD

30-DAY JAIL TERM, FINE OF \$100 JUSTIFIED, IN OPINION OF COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (UP)

### STATE POLICE ABANDON MURDER THEORY

DENTAL PLATES ARE SENT TO MINNEAPOLIS; HERE FOR BURIAL

(Daily of Feb. 7) Scrutiny of a pair of dental plates forwarded to a Min-neapolis dentist by Coroner C. I. way Saturday, likely will identify the positive identity of the tentatively identified her-ward Francis Mayer, for-neapolis clothing sales- information should get by Tuesday or Wednesday.

The plates, if positive, identified by the dentist, will away the last shred of evidence to the identity of the man who was killed, more than a week ago, by a westbound Pacific freight train near

Money for the man's body was wired to Coroner Call B. B. Gibbs of Minneapolis. His wife is a first cousin of Francis Mayer. He will be here after being positively identified.

A statement signed by Shaw, fireman on the train, exploded any possible murder theory in the state police said today. He saw the man running from the train. Others who had seen the man identified Mayer in The Dalles at the night of the accident. hours after it occurred. identified the body over- end, state police said.

In view of their positive identification, however, it was that they were mistaken the time they had seen

### Woman Convicted of Killing Her

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 7. A superior court jury today convicted Mrs. Dorothy B. Biddle divorcee, of second murder for killing her father, E. A. Dillon.

The conviction carries a prison term of from one to life imprisonment. Attorneys said they would appeal for a new trial.

Mrs. Bardon stabbed her father in the abdomen two nights of October 30. She had two had been to a dance. She contended she was in self-defense, but offered evidence of a long enmity toward her father. frequent threats against

### AGREEMENT SET BY SEATTLE STAR



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# Bridge Proposal Still Object Of Consideration

## Availability of Grant Will Be Determined, Committee Decides

(Daily of Oct. 28)

Four members of the chamber of commerce bridge committee last night decided to investigate the possibilities of obtaining a PWA grant on a bridge spanning the Columbia river before proceeding further with plans for the structure. W. S. Nelson, chamber manager, reported today.

The group decided that a bridge, put up west of the Union Pacific depot and costing \$879,125, was "economically feasible," if a PWA grant of almost \$400,000 is still available for the project.

After it has been determined if a grant can be obtained, the chamber group then will take the bridge question up with the city council, it was decided.

Members of the committee who met last night were Al Forman, chairman; I. C. Davies, C. S. Hampton and W. L. McFadden. Mayor H. E. Willerton, who previously had announced he would be out of town, and Councilmen Sid Bloom and R. E. Brown, also attended the meeting. It was reported.

# House-Breaker Is Given Five-Year Prison Sentence

(Daily of Oct. 29)

James Cary, 30-year-old Negro who entered the Charles R. Harding home October 8 and took between \$300 and \$400 in loot, was given a sentence of not to exceed five years in the Oregon state penitentiary this morning after he pleaded guilty on a district attorney's information before Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson.

District Attorney T. Leland Brown, in commenting on the case, told the court that Cary had been released two months ago from San Quentin penitentiary after being sentenced to five years for first degree burglary in Stockton, Calif. Cary also had a number of other petty complaints against him prior to the San Quentin term, which he began August 20, 1933.

## Other Crimes Denied

Judge Wilson recessed court for several minutes to give Cary an attempt to confess to Sheriff Harold Sexton and District Attorney Brown to several other burglaries which occurred in The Dalles the same night of the Harding burglary. Cary, however, steadfastly denied any connection with the other crimes.

He waived the right of attorney and the right to defer sentencing for 48 hours, but Cary asked the court for "another chance." Cary had been arrested in Portland wearing Harding's suit. Some of the articles taken were recovered, but a valuable old coin collection, treasured by Harding for its sentimental value, was not recovered intact.

Sheriff Sexton said he would not take Cary to the penitentiary for several days.

and gave birth to seven young mice.

Mrs. Monner, who is visiting here with her daughter, Bernivene, who is employed in The Dalles, said she is keeping the whole family of mice to see if any more of them will sing.

# Proposed County Office Building Gets Discussion

(Daily of Oct. 27)

Facts and figures of the proposed \$90,000 office annex for the Wasco county courthouse, upon which voters will cast ballots in the general election November 8, were laid before approximately 30 persons in an open meeting at the circuit courtroom last night.

After all statistics had been presented, Alf Wernmark, chairman, asked for dissenting opinions. No one spoke against the proposal.

It was announced that several organizations would send out data concerning the proposed structure.

# Civic Building Assured, Result Of PWA Grant

## Construction Planned To Get Under Way Soon; Money Assured

(Daily of Oct. 29)

Construction of an \$8,500 civic building in which would be housed The Dalles chamber of commerce activities, was virtually assured today with announcement by the PWA of approval of a grant for \$3,822 to aid in financing the structure.

Word of the PWA grant reached the Chronicle through Senator Reames' office and the United Press.

The civic building, which is being sponsored by the city but is to be financed by the chamber of commerce, will be located on the east bank of Mill creek, just north of St. Mary's academy. It will be a one-story frame structure, with a concrete basement. The plot of ground on which it is to be built is owned by the chamber of commerce and is 27,000 square feet. The building will be 80x28 feet in dimension.

## Basement Excavated

Basement for the proposed building already has been excavated. A heating plant is contemplated. The basement also will have lavatories.

The front door will enter into a central lobby, tourist room and display room, with stairways leading down to the basement. At the west end of the building two office rooms and a stationary and mimeographing room are designed. At the east end will be a committee room to accommodate approximately 50 persons.

The chamber's share of the structure, amounting to \$4,672, will be financed by a loan on the building, which will be repaid over a period of 10 years. W. S. Nelson, chamber manager, said. The chamber has been assured of necessary funds, he said.

hand in a sinking fund, he pointed out.

The construction of the structure, it was pointed out, depends on a PWA grant amounting to \$30,500, which would leave \$49,500 for the county to pay.

County Engineer John Nichols said it would be impossible for the county to remodel the present structure to make more room available.

John Gavin, local attorney, suggested a need for more adequate quarters for a law library. Frank Friedley suggested building for the future. A representative of Cherry Park grange announced his organization had approved the measure unanimously. Eliza Woods of the central labor council said his group favored the construction and would do all in its power to finance.

# Society

(Daily of Oct. 27)

## Legion Auxiliary Holds Party at Auditorium

Fifteen tables of cards were in play last night when members of the American Legion women's auxiliary were hostesses at a benefit card party at the community room. About the rooms were arranged autumn leaves and seasonal flowers.

Scoring awards went to Mrs. Harold Sexton, Mrs. Ben Hattrup and H. F. Peterson. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Hostesses for the event were Miss Dora Sexton and the Mesdames Eugene Elton, Grace Hulls, George Knebel, Dan Dinsmore and Lena McMahon.

The regular business meeting, scheduled for Tuesday night, November 8, has been postponed until a later date, it was announced.

## Hallowe'en Party Given At Home on Chenoweth

The Misses Doris Johns and Bonnie and Ruth Clough were hostesses at the Johns residence on Chenoweth road last night, when members of the Fifth-Last Dix club were guests at a Hallowe'en party.

A ghostlike atmosphere pervaded the rooms, which were arranged in the traditional Hallowe'en decorations and lighted by candles. Games were enjoyed with a number of prizes awarded to the winners. Miss Mary Eaton was winner of the door prize. Late refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Those present included Misses Lena Wilkerson, Anne Keller, Helen Farr, Evelyn Campbell, Mary Eaton, Jean Selteck and Eva Stanton.

## Junior Garden Club Has Organization Meeting

Organization of a junior garden club was held here recently, with eight children present, under the direction of Mrs. H. E. Walther, counselor. The club will be known as the "Aces of the Green Triangle chapter," upon affiliation with the Junior Garden Clubs of America.

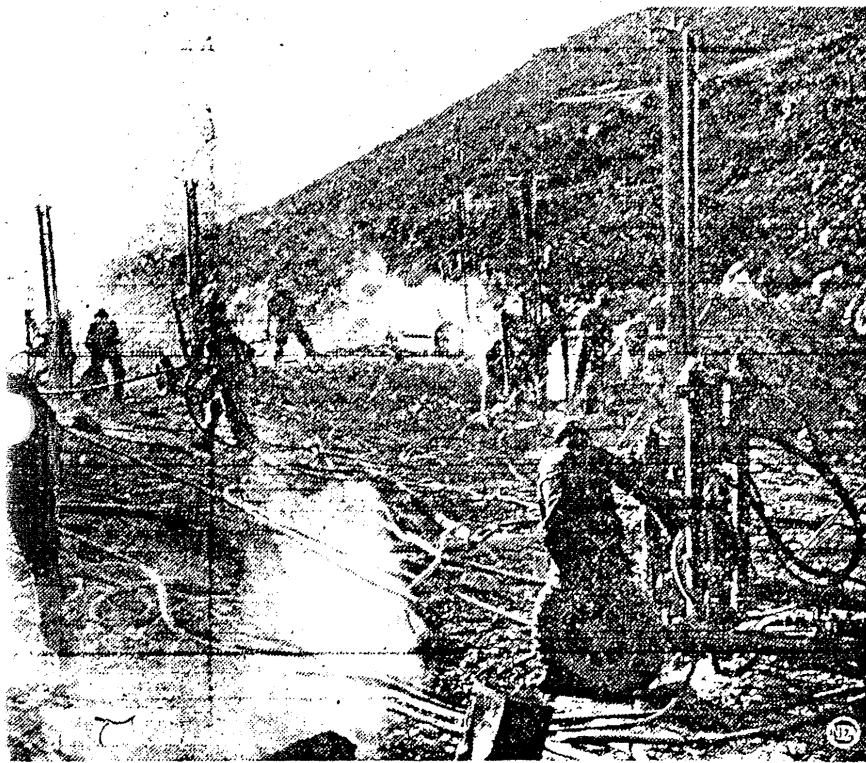
According to word of those in charge of the group, the purpose of the organization is to foster in its members a love for and appreciation of gardens, flowers and nature. Membership is open to all children who are interested, it was announced.

At the close of the meeting, each member was presented with a bulb to be planted. The group will meet next at the home of Mrs. Hugh Davey, Monday, October 31.

## Concert Is Scheduled

## If Italy Demands Territory

### ations in Full Blast at Shasta Dam



pneumatic drills fills the air at the site of the Shasta dam on the Sacramento river, Calif., as work on the great Central Valley project goes forward.

### Opening of Bids On Two Projects Scheduled Soon

(Daily of December 14)

Contractors and public agencies will be busy for a 24-hour period, starting tomorrow afternoon, as bids for the proposed civic building and the high school gymnasium are opened.

Moved forward a full day by an amended provision from the PWA, bids for construction of the civic building to house the chamber of commerce will be opened for consideration at the city hall tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Cost of this structure, which is sponsored by the city government but financed by the chamber of commerce, is estimated at approximately \$8,000. The building will be located on a site to the east of Mill creek, just north of St. Mary's academy.

On Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, the school board of district No. 12 will open bids for the construction of the high school gymnasium. Bids for this building, which will be located between the tennis courts south of the high school building, and the building itself, were too high the first time they were submitted. Since then, the structure has been revised in the hope of obtaining bids within available finances, amounting to approximately \$100,000.

John W. Maloney, architect for the gymnasium, announced that J. J. Lohrenz of Spokane, Ekrem Construction company of Yakima, McCormack-Foley, Inc., of Pendleton, and the Mid-State Construction company of The Dalles are general contractors figuring on the project.

Six mechanical and seven electrical contractors are making estimates on the work.

### Assigned to Condon

(Daily of December 14)

Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson received notice this afternoon from the chief justice of the supreme court, assigning him to Condon where he will preside over the court. Judge Wilson as not familiar with the nature of the case.

### Deputies Told Fascist Claims Will Be Ignored

### English Pledge Support If Force Is Used by Mussolini's Legions

PARIS, Dec. 14. (AP)—Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet told chamber of deputies foreign affairs committee today that "if it means war, the Italian government will never obtain any part of the French empire."

Bonnet made his statement in reply to 90 minutes of questioning by the foreign affairs committee in regard to the Italian French crisis in the Mediterranean resulting from unofficial demands by fascists for French concessions as preliminary to a friendship treaty between the nations.

Both Fascist Premier Benito Mussolini and Fascist Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano have formally disavowed that demonstrations for foreign territory represent official Italian government policy, Bonnet disclosed.

"Thus far," the French foreign minister said in regard to the controversy, "the Italian government has not announced claims for French territory. The French government wants the Italian government to know that even if it means war, the Italian government will never obtain an inch of any part of the French empire."

Bonnet said that, following an anti-French demonstration in Rome, the French government leaders and received their disavowals. As a result, he said, the French government disregards the polemics against France in the Italian press.

The French foreign office announced last night that Britain had formally assured France support in event of war with Italy over Mediterranean interests.

Support Pledged  
LONDON, Dec. 14. (AP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain

### berating Murderer

Dec. 14. (AP)—A jury of seven men and four business started deliberation of Roy Wright, 18, Yakima, charged with the murder of John Sakima automobile.

was submitted to the jury one-half days after the verdict. Superior Judge instructed the jury they believed Wright being able to distinguish between right and wrong there was no question to be decided.

death penalty be imposed. In closing argument with the jury to save his life because he had a chance."

### Officers Search For Missing Man

(Daily of December 14)

Officers this afternoon conducted an intensive search for Sid J. Dawson, 49, a well-known woodcutter in this area, who left his family's home at Snipe's Acres Monday morning and was last seen walking toward the Columbia river on the road two miles west of The Dalles.

Members of the family expressed fears that Dawson, dependent, over the death of his wife last June, might have jumped in the Columbia river or have taken other means of ending his life.

He was last seen by M. J. Miles, his son-in-law. Dawson has resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

### President Dissolves Assembly In Ecuador

QUITO, ECUADOR, Dec. 14. (AP)

President Aurelio Mosquera Narvaez today sent troops into Quito and Guayaquil, dissolved the assembly and ordered new elections.

Mounted police and carabinieri patrolled the streets of Quito, the capital, and Guayaquil, the chief port of Ecuador.

The president's action followed a controversy with the assembly which wanted to promote Gen. Larrea Alba. Mosquera Narvaez refused to approve the promotion and so announced in a message rejecting the promotion.

The president then dissolved the assembly and declared a ban on telegraph and radio services for both private and press use.

### Deadline Tomorrow

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# Secretary Will Give Attention To Own Affairs

## Two Cabinet Vacancies Now Await Action by Chief Executive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (11)—The White House today announced the resignation of Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper, effective December 23.

The announcement was made public in a brief exchange of letters between President Roosevelt and Roper.

Roper's letter explained that he desired to return to private life to give attention to his personal affairs.

Roper's resignation left two cabinet vacancies for Mr. Roosevelt to fill. Attorney General Cummings' resignation, effective after January 1, previously had been announced.

Secretary of Interior Ickes announced earlier today that he would not resign to run for mayor of Chicago. He said Mr. Roosevelt had asked him to stay "in harness."

Mr. Roosevelt expressed "sincere regret" at Roper's decision. There was no indication immediately as to Roper's successor. Reports circulated several weeks ago that the commerce secretaryship might be taken by Works Progress Administrator Hopkins in event of Roper's retirement.

The president's letter accepting Roper's resignation began "My Dear Dan" and continued, "I have your letter asking to be relieved of your duties as secretary of commerce effective December 23.

"Knowing the impelling personal reasons which prompt you I accept your resignation with very sincere regret.

"I am of course pleased to have your assurances that your retirement to private life will in no degree effect your interest in the great objectives for which we have striven. I know that without your telling me . . ."

Roper's letter said: "On several occasions since March 4, 1937, I have expressed to you my desire to return to private life in order to give the needed attention to my personal affairs and which I have not been able to do while in public office.

"I hope it may now be agreeable to you to accept my resignation as secretary of commerce effective December 23. You will recall, Mr. President, that I told you I was planning to go south at that time.

"It has been a high honor and a privilege to serve under your outstanding leadership during one of the most trying times in all history. Your comprehensive vision and your courageous actions in meeting the emergencies of these times will go down in history as unexcelled in efforts to advance human welfare. . . ."

The death of Roper's son-in-law, David R. Coker, wealthy seed grower, about two weeks ago. It

# 34 Food Handlers Ask Examinations For 50-Cent Fee

(Daily of December 17)  
With the deadline set for next Tuesday, only 34 food handlers, barbers and cosmeticians, some of whom have been clamoring for less expensive health examinations under the city ordinances, have applied at the county health office for the tests to be given by the county physician under a 50-cent fee basis.

The tests will be given by County Physician G. G. van der Vlugt under an arrangement made by the county relief committee. County Health Officer H. M. Erickson announced that each of the four public health nurses will give a half day each week to assist Van der Vlugt with the examinations.

It has not yet been decided where the examinations will be given, although the scene will be either the county convalescent ward or the jury room of the courthouse.

Attends Conference  
Van der Vlugt is expected back from a conference at Portland Monday with Dr. Neil Black, state relief medical coordinator, and County Judge G. G. Shults and Erickson indicated they would confer with him further on details for the examinations.

Mayor H. E. Willerton said today that the city council probably would act on possible revision of the city health ordinance December 27. Although a council meeting was held yesterday only three councilmen were in attendance, an insufficient number to act on an ordinance revision.

Judge Shults said the reason the county relief committee wishes food handlers to apply for examinations was to give Van der Vlugt an opportunity to make rapid examination of the overdue groups.

# Mrs. Dolores Shannon Pioneer Resident of The Dalles, Is Dead

(Daily of December 17)  
Mrs. Dolores Shannon, 91, a resident of The Dalles for more than 70 years, died this morning at her home at 901 East First street after an extended illness. Funeral services will be announced later by the Crumhall-Bird chapel.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Miss Florence Shannon and Mrs. Josephine Golden, both of The Dalles; three sons, James, of The Dalles; Joseph of North Bend, Ore., and William, who resides in California; a sister, Mrs. Seraphina Garcia, San Francisco; two nieces, Mrs. Josephine Kinkella, Portland, and Mrs. Mary McGraw, Arlington, Calif.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mrs. Shannon was the mother of the late Mrs. Ed Howell of this city, who died in 1935, and of Mrs. Emma Welch, who died at Oregon City in 1937.

Mrs. Shannon was born at Tapit, Mexico, September 19, 1847, and lived in California from the years 1856 to 1863, when she

# New Bids Asked For Building To House Chamber

## Revision of Plans Will Bring Figures Down, Sponsors Believe

(Daily of December 17)  
New bids for the civic building were called for December 27, at 8 p. m., after all bids yesterday afternoon were rejected by the city council on advice by the chamber of commerce building committee.

Bids submitted by Mid-State Construction company and Horace Evans, both of The Dalles, and Baldwin and Wheir of Hood River were considerably over the amount of funds available.

It was the third time during the last month that all bids for a public construction project under PWA were rejected as being in excess of contemplated expenditures.

After a long-distance telephone conversation with C. C. Hockley, regional PWA director, Mr. Barrett, of the architectural firm of Barrett and Logan, told the chamber committee that readvertisement of a revised project and reopening of bids would be allowed at a meeting on December 27.

Will Change Plans  
Present plans of the chamber call for lopping off the proposed east wing of the structure to bring bids within the approximately \$8,000 available.

Basic bids were: Mid-State Construction company, \$11,400; Horace Evans, \$11,349.82; Baldwin and Wheir, \$11,873.

Even after subtracting 15 alternates from the basic bid, the Mid-State company bid amounted to \$9,489. Evans, who was second low after subtracting alternates, had a low possible bid of \$9,983.02.

By cutting off the wing at the present time, sponsors of the project hoped to cut between \$2,000 and \$3,000 off the cost of the building.

The structure will be located on the east bank of Mill creek, north of St. Mary's academy. It is being financed by the chamber of commerce, although sponsored by the city.

# No Trace Found of Man Missing Here

(Daily of December 15)  
No trace of Sid J. Dawson, local wood-cutter who walked out of his home at Snipe's Acres Monday morning, was found in a thorough search of the rough terrain two miles east of The Dalles.

Sheriff Harold Sexton, Deputy Sheriff Eugene Wright and M. J. Miles, a son-in-law of Dawson, scrutinized the area from 2 o'clock until dusk yesterday without uncovering any evidence of Dawson's whereabouts. The family yesterday noticed

# Society

## (Daily of Dec) Wedding Ann Observed by C

Mr. and Mrs. B. man observed their anniversary at the Route 2 yesterday, bers of their family ber of friends call- during the day. Included Mr. and Thomas, Mr. and M. lehn, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. and Mr. and Mrs. D. erman, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Swett are Mr. and Mrs. Spier, O. F. and Herbert are their sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Spie married at Fergus December 14, 1882, residents of The Dal

# Officers Are In By Two Aid S

Rev. Edward F. ducted the installa officers of the sen- aid societies of the church in a candle, Wednesday afternoo

New officers of are Mrs. George tudent; Mrs. Frank first vice-president; Mays, second vice- George Newhouse; Mrs. J. E. Barnett, Junior Aid offi- Roscoe Roberts, pres- C. Branch, vice-pres- L. Hickok, secretary Cullhan, treasurer Homer Curtis, chapl

A 1 o'clock pot preceded the joint Christmas gifts to Rev. and Mrs. th groups.

# P. T. A. Holds

The annual meet- of the Joseph G. W Teacher association, night at the school, proximately 75 per- attendance. Program cluded a vocal s- Frank Cunningham- tion, Mary Stapleton Charlotte Heater, Mrs. E. E. Van Nuy-

Plans were made- nual bazaar and to held at Pease's gro-

# New Members

The annual for- party of the Order for Girls will be night, December 29, sone hall, accord- made at a recent in- present will include- their escorts and in-

New members in- last meeting were J. Stuben; Naomi M. Helen Jane Farringt-

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## Congress Democracy In Danger

### Suspected In Coster Blackmailing



Lawyer Walter R. Brant, with Joseph Brandino, his sister Mary, right, arrested in New York on charges of blackmailing "F. Donnelly" while concealing his identity as the swindler. Enraged at their actions, Brandinos attacked photographers in the police station, is pictured as she is shown in the photograph. Then her sister attempted to throw a



### Advised To Legal Stand

Jan. 4. (AP)—Attorney H. Van Winkle today secretary of State Earl C. Bartlett suit to force H. L. and George N. Peck to the individual donors to the funds in favor of the bill passed at the session. president of the Association of Oregon, reported expenditures of \$32,336.66 for the same group. In the names making up the list. 2 Snell advised both they would have to

### Oregon Security Law Not Certified

PORTLAND, Jan. 4. (AP)—B. A. Green, Portland attorney for the American Federation of Labor, said today he was informed Oregon's social security law failed to receive certification by December 31, while the laws of 47 other states were approved. A United Press dispatch last Saturday, however, said certification of the Oregon law was deferred, but that it will "not prejudice" the law's eligibility for federal assistance later. The board said it has the Oregon situation "under advisement," pending determination of effects upon it by the recently enacted state anti-picketing statute.

### Federal Deficit Still Growing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (AP)—The federal government ended the first six months of the 1939 fiscal year with a gross deficit of \$1,601,920,303, the treasury disclosed today. In the corresponding six months last year the gross deficit amounted to \$552,541,775. Spending in the first six months totaled \$4,529,205,700 as compared with \$3,728,755,290 last year. Income was \$2,927,285,396, a decrease of almost \$250,000,000 from the comparable period last year. The president's revised budget, issued last July 13, envisaged a

### Building Shows Strong Trend In City During 1938

(Daily of January 4)  
The Dalles' 1938 building total, more than half of it supplied by three PWA projects in December, reached \$304,844, the second highest figure for the last decade, according to figures released today by City Recorder J. H. Steers.

The total was \$72,949 less than the figure of \$377,793 achieved in 1937 when heavy building activity, including construction of a wing at the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital and of a portion of The Dalles hospital, took place. The 1937 total was the greatest since 1924 when permits totaled \$380,025.

Private construction, aside from the civic building, the high school gymnasium and city natatorium, amounted to almost \$150,000 in one of the heaviest private building periods in recent years. Erection of residential dwellings accounted for much of this amount.

The 1938 total was the fifth greatest building period since records were first kept in 1910. Other periods of greater activity were: 1911, \$370,500; 1924, \$380,025; 1928, \$345,210, and the 1937 total. The low building mark was achieved in 1933 with a \$8,515 permit total.

With permits issued in 1938, the grand total for The Dalles since 1910 exceeded the five million dollar mark, amounting to \$5,097,592.

In 1938 a total of 111 permits were issued, two less than were issued the year before.

### Rosser Loses

SALEM, Jan. 4. (AP)—The state supreme court today denied a motion for oral argument, filed by attorneys for Albert E. Rosser, convicted arsonist, who had appealed from a 12-year penitentiary sentence.

Attorneys for the state had asked for dismissal of the appeal on grounds the transcript had not been filed with the statutory time limits. No action on the motion for dismissal was taken by the high court today.

### Portlander Dies

### No Attempt To Balance Budget Held Advisable

### Economic Sanction Prospect If Foreign Dictators Make

By Lyle C. Wilson  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. President Roosevelt warned today of a "deadly danger" to democracy from within and without, and unmissably threatened economic sanctions against aggressor states.

He said the United States would decline to "intervene with arms" to prevent aggression. But then in his annual message to the state of the union, he said that he would challenge to dictator states president added:

"Words may be futile, but is not the only means of mandating a decent respect to the opinions of mankind.

"There are many methods of war, but stronger than words, of bringing home to aggressor governments the same sentiments of our people."

Mr. Roosevelt asked specifically for amendment or revision of the existing neutrality laws to end the possibility that statutes may aid, encourage or assist an aggressor nation in any manner.

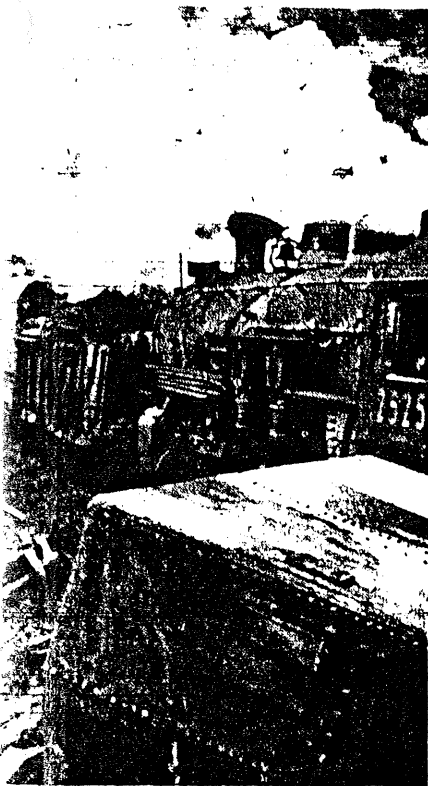
Mr. Roosevelt delivered his message in person before a joint session of house and senate in the former's chamber on the day of the first session of the 76th congress.

Speaks to Nation  
He spoke not to congress but to the nation and the world. His words were said in Europe and Latin America as he uttered them hourly intervals today his and his defense of democracy washed the world in truth versions.

"We are off on a race to democracy work," the president said, and that challenge have reached the ears of whose allegiance—forced or—dictators.

He said the time was "the hour glass may be

ata Gorge



(Elite Studio - Chronicle Photo-Engraving) shows the engine and some of the cars Tuesday night. The locomotive off struck the huge boulder. The other cars that service on the main line might have been taken.

# Boys Break Into Mint As Prank At San Francisco

## Officials Astounded by Daring Feat; Copper Taken as Souvenir

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29. (AP)—Two 15-year-old kids broke into San Francisco's supposedly impregnable new \$1,000,000 U. S. mint, took a copper plate as a "souvenir," then broke out again without detection and telephoned police to "come get a copper," the boys related today after amazed authorities took them into custody.

First reported captured inside the mint, the youngsters, Paul Francis and William Gallagher, convinced flabbergasted authorities they not only entered the heavily guarded structure, but actually got out again with their "souvenir" and could have easily escaped if they had, not boastfully called officers to get them.

"It was all fun," the boys laughed. "We just wanted to see if it could be done. It was a breeze, like throwing an egg into an electric fan. We just shinned up a drain pipe to a ridge on the second floor, got past a guard reading a newspaper, and entered through a partially open window."

"We took a copper plate as proof that we'd been inside, then shinned out, went to a garage and telephoned the cops. They thought we were kidding them. We finally convinced 'em."

Children of respectable families and students at St. Vincent's school, one of the strictest in the city, the young raiders said: "We noticed an open window and thought we'd see what we could do about it—we didn't want to steal anything."

### Pleased by Publicity

The boys, just an ordinary looking pair of school kids, were delighted with the publicity they created by crashing into the monumental four-story mint a veritable fortress on top of a 60-foot cliff on upper Market street.

Red-faced officials were unable to figure out how the boys avoided tear gas equipment, impenetrable attack-proof steel, heavy steel bars, intricate burglar alarms and the rest of it to say nothing of a young army of guards.

The boys first said they had been captured inside the mint. Later they related to amazed officials that they actually got back to the street again.

The boys' exploit recalled the feat of 17-year-old Anastasia Scott who in 1933 swam from Alcatraz island to San Francisco. She made the swim after authorities claimed it was impossible to escape by water from the federal penitentiary on "the rock." They said the swirling currents of San Francisco bay would engulf the hardest swimmer. Miss Scott made it with ease.

United States Marshal George Vice and other federal officials

# Shaniko Robbery Puzzles Police; Victim Recovers

(Daily of December 29)

Officers were confronted today with an ever-deepening mystery, as the slugging of Charles Kirby at the Shaniko garage early yesterday morning and the subsequent looting of \$530 from a trunk in the garage developed several additional angles.

Sheriff Harold Sexton, who with Deputy Sheriff Eugene Wright returned last night after an all-day investigation at Shaniko, said that Kirby never saw the automobile in which the two men were riding.

Kirby told officers he was awakened at 4:06 a. m. by a searchlight, while he was sleeping in the office of the garage. After he returned a signal with his own flash-light, the men asked him to repair their tire. The car apparently had been parked elsewhere. He dressed and, while Kirby fixed a leak in the inner-tube, the two men sat around the fire and warmed themselves. Then they purchased oil and as Kirby was sitting down at his desk figuring what was owed him, he was slugged, he told officers.

### Returns Home

Kirby was found shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday morning and did not regain consciousness until about noon.

He told officers that he received the money as payment of a debt and that he contemplated the purchase of additional equipment for his garage with it. It was in \$10 and \$20 bills, he said.

Kirby was brought to the Mid-Columbia hospital late yesterday afternoon. Although the blow on his head caused a brain concussion, he insisted on returning to Shaniko after treatment.

The blow apparently was delivered by a blunt instrument which, however, was not heavy enough to fracture the skull, attending physicians said.

Absence of any clue as to the type of vehicle driven by Kirby's assailants, or the license number of their car, complicates matters for officers. Kirby, however, told the sheriff that he could recognize the looters.

# John Bartholdi Dies

(Daily of December 29)

John Bartholdi, 57, resident of Columbia heights, died at noon today at a local hospital following a two-weeks' illness. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Crandall-Bird chapel.

Mr. Bartholdi is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie Bartholdi, city; seven sons, Benjamin J., San Pedro, Calif.; August, Sianghai, China; Paul, Chilkoot, Alaska, and Linus, Lester, Everett and Albert, city; three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Triumph, Minn., and Florence and Marie Bartholdi, city; two brothers in California; one sister, who resides in Ireland; two sisters in Austria and a number of nieces and nephews in California.

Mr. Bartholdi was born in Austria, May 28, 1881. Since his mar-

# Civic Building Contract Award Made by Council

## Ordinance Revision Not Taken Up at Meeting; City Attorney Ill

(Daily of December 29)

The Dalles' new civic building, for use by the chamber of commerce, will be constructed by C. E. Silbaugh of Pendleton. Contract for the building was let last night by the city council, after Silbaugh's basic bid of \$8,400 was found to be low.

Three alternates, reducing the proposed cost of the structure to \$8,010, were subtracted from the basic bid before the award was made.

The council acted after consultation with members of the building committee of the chamber, which is financing the sponsor's cost to the extent of \$5,000. PWA has allocated \$3,832 provided construction begins prior to January 1, allowing the Silbaugh company but two days in which to get started.

An emergency ordinance approving the contract was passed by the council. Following this, a letter authorizing the Silbaugh company to start work was signed by City Recorder J. H. Steers, and Steers and Mayor H. E. Willerton signed necessary papers.

### One Wing Excluded

The structure as now planned calls for the original specifications with the exclusion of the one wing. The building will be erected on the east bank of Mill creek, just north of St. Mary's academy, on land obtained by the chamber from the Union Pacific railroad. Bids for the work were rejected as too high, when opened earlier this month.

Other basic bids, besides those of the successful contractor, were: Baldwin and White, Hood River, \$9,543; Horace H. Evans, The Dalles, \$9,338; Mid-State Construction company, The Dalles, \$8,922.

Alternates subtracted from the Silbaugh bid were: Omission of a basement fill, \$270; omission of a temporary elevated walk, \$100, and omission of wood stairs from hall to grade, \$20.

By subtracting these items, the bid was brought within the means of the chamber.

### Revision Deferred

Action on the proposed revision of the city health ordinance was deferred again. Councilman Sidney Bloom reported that, due to the illness of City Attorney Cella Gavin, who was absent, the revised ordinance would not be presented for action at the meeting last night. He stated definitely, however, that the provisions agreeable to the joint council-employees committee would be acted upon at the next session of the council.

A request by Grover Keller for

# Federal Highway Funds Apportioned

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace today apportioned \$135,000,000 to states for highway improvement and grade crossing elimination.

Wallace assigned \$20,000,000 of the federal funds for extension of the federal program for elimination of hazards at grade crossings.

With the exception of the grade elimination allocations, the states must match the highway funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The allotments will be available July 1, 1939.

The funds were authorized by the federal-aid highway act of 1938, a further development of the long range federal program of federal assistance in building trunk highways and secondary roads.

State allotments, listed for trunk highways, secondary roads, grade crossing elimination and total allocation respectively, include:

Idaho: \$1,223,119, \$183,468, \$181,779, total \$1,568,366.  
Oregon: \$1,638,823, \$245,823, \$224,953, total \$2,109,599.  
Washington: \$1,563,815, \$234,572, \$300,063, total \$2,098,450.  
Wallace also apportioned \$1,000,000 to 14 states for improvement of unreserved public lands.

***The  
Dalles  
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***New  
Building  
Summary***

THE DALLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
 NEW BUILDING SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN  
 IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION #82-03  
 AUGUST 27, 2003  
 CITY OF THE DALLES HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Most, if not all, of the Chamber's Board of Directors, both past and present, has seen the need to develop a plan to build a new facility or remodel and increase the square footage of the existing building. It is readily apparent to most people that are familiar with the growth of our chamber, that we need a better facility to house our chamber staff, provide the image we can all be proud of in our visitor's center and add community meeting space.

The Chamber's 2001-2002 Program of Work included under statement of purpose (9) "to develop a new facility plan for chamber offices, visitor center and meeting space, and to evaluate the community interest in creating convention space."

The 2002-2003 Program of Work continued to stress this same goal, and additionally classified it as a "BOARD PRIORITY."

The 2003-2004 Program of Work revised the wording to better reflect the focus, commitment and resolve of the board of director's by approving the following verbiage: "To build a new chamber office, visitor center and meeting space. (BOARD PRIORITY)"

Since this time, the board has become increasingly committed and actively pursued this goal and have received considerable support. The chamber's annual board picnic, held on July 29, 2003, was a good measurement of the wide based community support for this project to move forward as planned.

Board Actions/Summary of Findings in Support of New Construction vs. Remodeling/Renovation:

- 1) The existing building was constructed in 1937 and, as such, is now historically classified as a Secondary Contributing building located within the Trevitt Historical District. Although the site is acknowledged as part of a historic district, the building is no longer functionally adequate. The chamber of 2003 looks vastly different than the chamber of 1937. Significant increases have been made in staffing and membership, requiring space and technological enhancements not available in the existing chamber office building. In fact, just comparing a few numbers of the 10 year period encompassing the years 1990-2001, help to validate this need for change.

1990	2001
196 Members	480 Members
\$78,000 Budget	\$289,000 Budget
4 Committees	13 Committees
2 Staff	5 Staff

There are other comparisons that are just as impressive, but in the interest of time and space, are not included in this summary. In short, there have been monumental changes in the last 50 years and the existing building has basically been outgrown. It has been estimated that trying to remodel/renovate the existing building and bring it up to all modern building codes and technological requirements, is not economically feasible. A new, modern facility is estimated to cost less than trying to re-make our old building into something it wasn't originally planned to handle.

The board of directors has been engaged in reviewing a number of options on how best to accomplish the end goal of providing a modern, economical, functional, multi-purpose building to be used as a visitor's center, community room and home for The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce. The first "official" Building Committee meeting was held on March 5, 2002, with Elt Fadness acting as the chair. Since that

time, there have been committee meetings involving a great many individuals, generously donating their time and skills to help our organization explore its options.

A group of standing members of the Building Committee reviewed the availability of alternative sites, listing the pros and cons of each location reviewed. Included in these comparisons and discussions were the following potential sites/properties:

- 1) Circle C Building
- 2) Ernst Building
- 3) Shop-N-Kart Building
- 4) Old Payless Building
- 5) Commodore Building
- 6) Pashek's Gardens Property
- 7) Union and 1<sup>st</sup> Street Property (lease from the city)
- 8) Sunshine Biscuit Co. Building

Each of these locations have some positive attributes, but the final conclusion reached by the Building Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors, was that none of these locations were equal to, let alone superior to, the existing site now owned by the Chamber. Over a series of meetings, the Facilities Committee, Building Committee and Board of Directors have unanimously supported the replacement of the existing building, either through demolition or removal to an alternate site and building a new facility. You will find a copy of the original floor plan and a revised, smaller version of the original in your packets. The revised plan was necessary due to an existing city easement on the north side of the chamber's property. We are hoping to obtain a 10-foot partial variance from the city, so we can keep the original square footage and add the additional two parking spaces in the original design

I would like to mention that the Facilities Committee made contact with Emmert International out of Clackamas, Oregon, regarding the feasibility of moving the building to another location and they indicated that the building could be moved. This is another option we have discussed at some length.

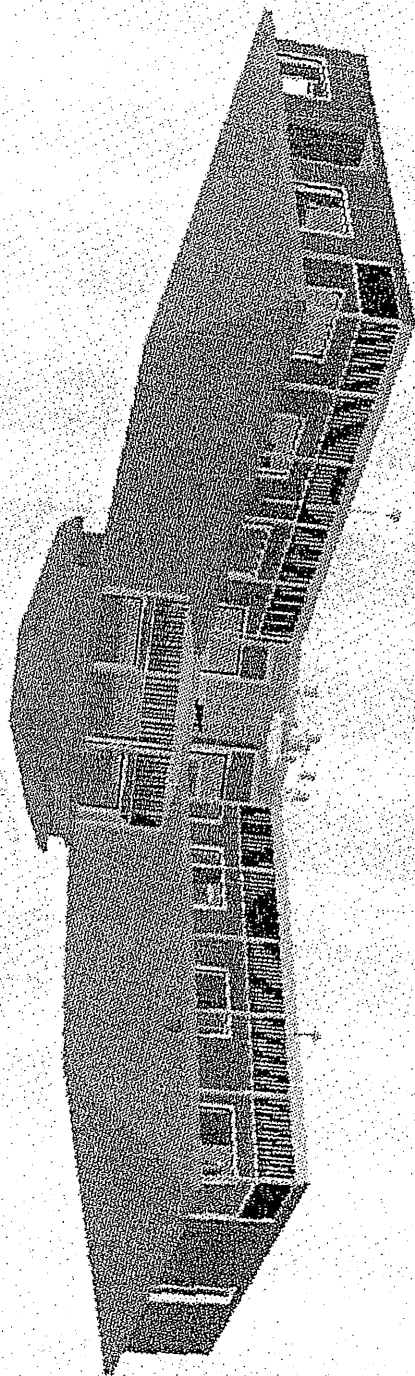
It should be noted that there are several individuals representing various companies that have helped the chamber throughout this process with their technical and professional expertise. We especially appreciate the donation of time and services of all board and committee members, including chamber staff, Joe Seckora Construction and Tenneson Engineering.

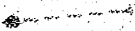
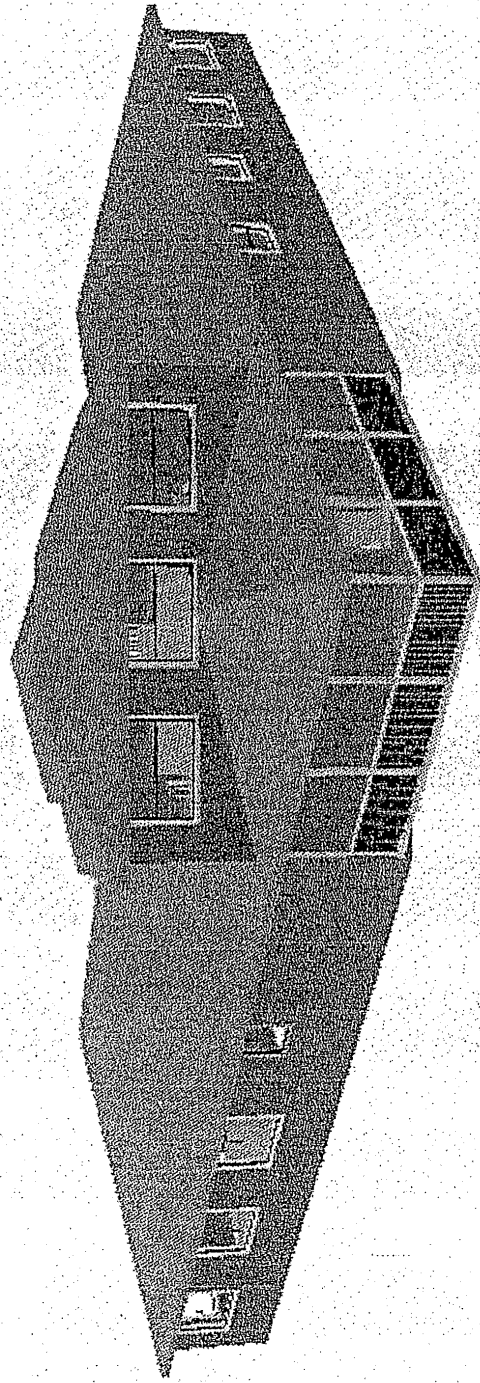
This project has been a priority for more than 2 ½ years and all options and ideas have been carefully reviewed and discussed. However, it is the majority opinion of the Chamber of Commerce, its board, committees, members and the public at large that the time has come to put on a new face for The Dalles. We must be progressive and not regressive, especially during this time of pessimism and uncertainty that is permeating our society. The City of the Dalles has exhibited a "can do" attitude in many recent projects completed or nearing completion. The leadership in this community have a vision of the future and have been acting upon that vision while many other communities our size have taken a defeatist attitude and are languishing in doubt, refusing to change or take a chance at something better.

A good example of our community pride and determination is the Tree Top Play Park and the Transportation Center. We have a vision of building this new Chamber of Commerce facility with a majority of the labor and materials being donated toward this community project and finishing it within 30 days or less of breaking ground. This is a project the entire community is invited to help with and will be a matter of pride for everyone when completed.

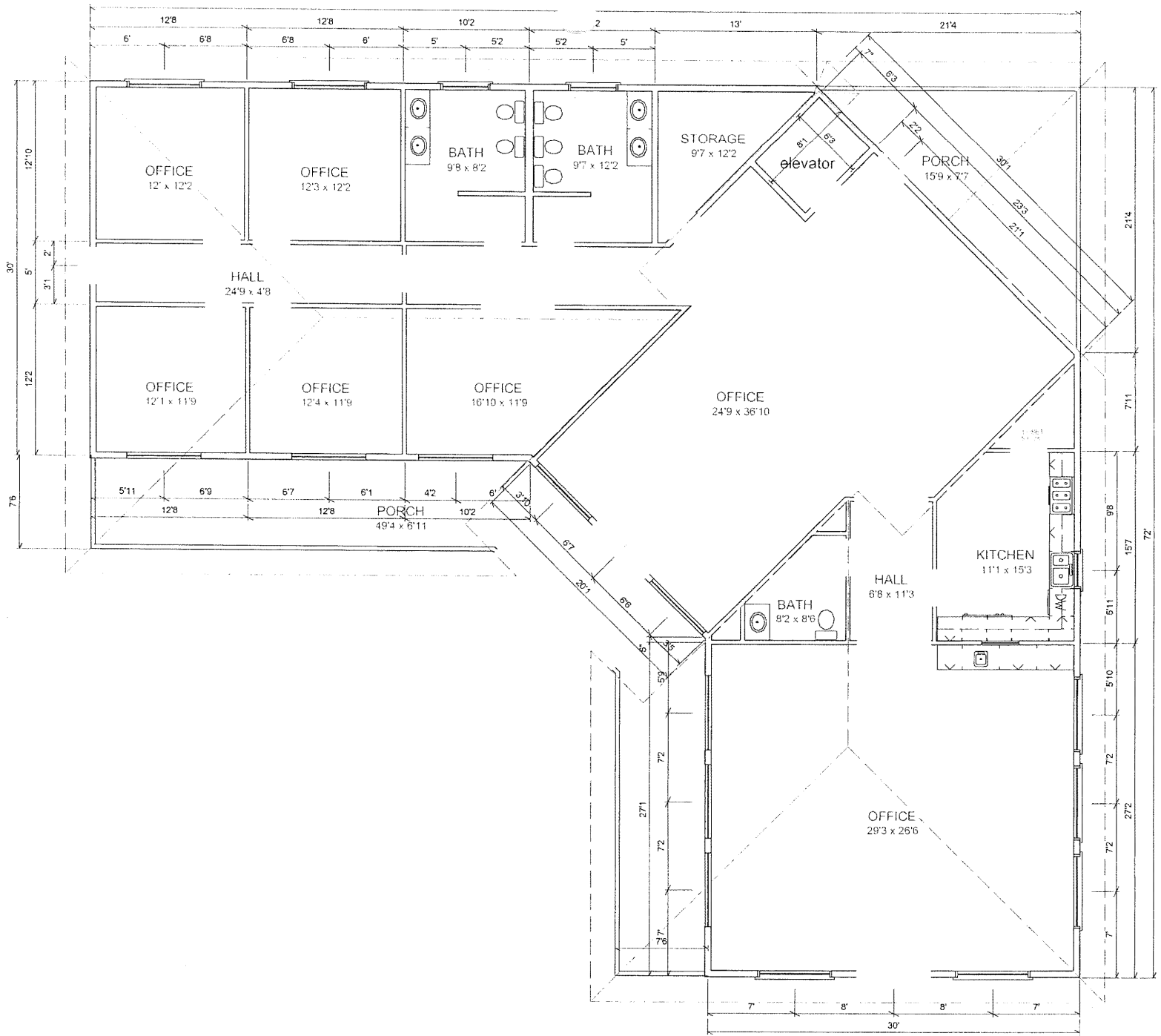
We would invite anyone to come by the Chamber office and obtain more details of the process briefly summarized. We have done our due diligence and we are convinced that the best option to accomplish the goal of providing a new facility is to replace the existing building as requested in our application/permit.



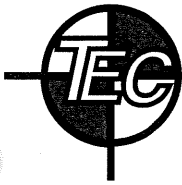








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August 27, 2003

Mr. Darrell Hill, President  
The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce  
404 West 2nd Street  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Dear Darrell:

At the Chamber's request, Tenneson Engineering Corporation has conducted an examination of the existing The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce building located off West Second Street in The Dalles, Oregon. The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the existing structure as to its adequacy to support design loadings, its ability to incorporate an addition to the east, and any structural deficiencies that currently exist within the building. With the help of Joe Seckora Construction, Darrin O. Eckman, Oregon Registered Professional Engineer #51430, conducted a visual examination of this structure in August, 2003. The following are the findings and conclusions of that examination.

This is a single-story wood frame structure with a cast-in-place concrete basement underneath. The footprint is somewhat "L-shaped" in nature and encompasses approximately 1,840 square feet. The exterior of the structure has a stucco finish. Doors and windows typically consist of wood framed units with single pane glass. Due to the nondestructive nature of the investigation, we were unable to ascertain the form of roof system, although I would expect, based upon the spans and outward appearance of the structure, that it consists of solid-sawn rafters spanning from north to south. It is probable that the lobby of the building has an additional crossbeam to support these rafters at mid-span. The floor system of the structure consists of wood solid-sawn 2"x 10" wood joists at 16 inches on-center, with a maximum span of approximately 10'6". These joists are supported on beam lines consisting of rough sawn 6"x 12" wood members which are in turn supported by 6"x 6" wood posts and, in some instances, retrofitted steel posts. As described earlier, the exterior basement walls of this structure consist of cast-in-place concrete. There are large portions of this basement that do not have a concrete slab-on-grade and instead just an open gravel surface.

Upon examining the structure, it was immediately noted that there is a downward tilt to the floor system. This downward tilt occurs from south to north and also, to a lesser degree, east to west. The south to north downward slope is approximately 1 1/2 to 2 inches in 6 feet.

The east-west cross slope is approximately 1 inch in 6 feet. All interior walls and door jambs are also out of plumb, with the top leaning to the north at a rate of approximately 1 1/2 inches in 6 feet. It is remarkable that more exterior and interior finishes have not been damaged due to this significant list. Upon review of the floor system members, it is noted that none are drastically overstressed, although they do exceed current design values by approximately 30 percent. Upon inspection of the basement, which was hampered due to inadequate light, it is our opinion that the north wall of this structure has settled, thus allowing the noticeable list to the building floors. In addition, it appears that the floor beam post supports are resting upon inadequately sized concrete pad footings, thus also contributing to additional settlement issues. There are direct Code violations with regards to untreated lumber being in direct contact with concrete. This occurs at the bottom end of all posts within the basement and also the sill plate which rests upon the exterior concrete basement wall. All doors within the structure have been affected by the list—mostly noticed in their automatic closing feature—due to the door jamb being out of plumb.

Portions of the restrooms within the structure have been converted to storage area, thus further limiting the development possibilities.

The glue-on ceiling tile within the structure is also showing signs of water damage through their hanging free from the roof system and noticeable water spot discolorations. This water damage is further apparent in the exterior stucco finish of the building at the roof line. It is probable that this roof system, which was constructed at a fairly low slope (1V:12H±) to begin with, has been further reduced during the settling process. Reduction of the slope thus allows water to accumulate on the roof system prior to draining out of one of the two scuppers on the south wall of the structure. This ponded water creates increased loading on the members and possibly the water spot discolorations in the stucco and ceiling tile can be attributed to a failing roofing system. Finally, as described before, none of the windows or exterior walls of the structure meet any semblance of the State of Oregon Energy Code. This Code requires certain insulation values in the walls and ceiling, along with windows and doors of all structures to help reduce the energy consumption required by inefficient buildings. It is also expected, although not within the scope of this report, that the electrical and lighting systems within the building do not meet current Code, due to the lack of grounded plugs and visible runs of wall-mounted conduit between different electrical fixtures.

Therefore, based upon the items identified above, it is our opinion that while the existing Chamber of Commerce building could be added to, the cost and feasibility of such would be excessive compared to the demolition and construction of a new facility. The estimated construction costs to repair the existing The Dalles Chamber building include, at a minimum, the following:

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✓Foundation Repair	Lump Sum	\$80,000
Window Replacement	20 windows @ \$500/each	10,000
Door Replacement	4 doors @ \$1,000/each	4,000
Demo Existing Wall for Addition	Lump Sum	10,000
Remove & Replace Existing Ceiling Tile	1,840 sq.ft. @ \$5/square foot	9,200
Remove & Replace Existing Floor Covering	1,840 sq.ft. @ \$6/square foot	11,040
Placement of Blown-in Insulation	Lump Sum	4,834
Clean & Repair Exterior Stucco Finish	2,064 sq.ft. @ \$5/square foot	10,320
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO REPAIR EXISTING STRUCTURE		\$139,384 (\$75.75/sq.ft.)

This cost does not take into account the possible Electrical Code issues and lighting features that may have to be replaced, along with the HVAC system, interior case work, and interior/exterior painting. Due to the age of the structure, it is possible that lead based paints were utilized in the past in maintaining this structure, in addition to the possible use of asbestos ceiling and floor tile which would have to be selectively demolished and abated if the building is rehabilitated.

Other possible problems stemming from rehabilitation of this structure include access issues onto West Second Street due to the building's location (13 feet) from the West Second Street right-of-way and lack of adequate parking for RVs and visiting tourists. Finally, due to the building's floor plan, it would be expected that any addition would occur to the east side of the main lobby, thus further eliminating existing off-street parking that currently is in place at this location.

Tenneson Engineering Corporation certainly looks forward to working with The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce in proceeding with either the rehabilitation or the removal and replacement of your existing building. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments concerning this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

TENNESON ENGINEERING CORPORATION



Darrin O. Eckman, P.E.

DOE:jm/b

The Dalles Chamber New Building  
Cost Estimate

Foundation	35,000
Frame	80,000
Plumbing	20,000
Electrical	20,000
Drywall	12,000
Elevator	65,000
Siding	20,000
Windows	12,000
Doors & Trim	25,000
Insulation	8,500
Floors	7,500
Paint inside & outside	13,000
Handrails-exterior	6,500
Roof, Gutters, Downspouts	11,500
Sheeting-walls & roof	8,500
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<b>Excavation &amp; Demo</b>	<b>22,000</b>
<b>Curbs &amp; Sidewalks</b>	<b>12,000</b>
<b>Driveway Base Rock &amp; Paving</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Landscape &amp; Irrigation</b>	<b>20,000</b>
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	94,000

**Total Project** **438,500**

**Cost out of pocket** **230,000**





Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

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503-986-0671

October 13, 2003

**Historic preservation plan to be revised**  
**03-67 For immediate release:**

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Heritage Conservation Division will begin a statewide series of 25 community meetings this month to document local perspectives relating to historic preservation and heritage.

The community meetings, which will begin October 21, are part of a yearlong information-gathering and analysis project that will culminate in the revised Oregon Historic Preservation Plan. The National Park Service, which administers the National Register of Historic Places, requires that each state's plan be revised periodically.

Steve Poyser, preservation planner for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) said that this effort is taking an expanded approach from previous versions. "We want to provide opportunities for broad public participation and are doubling the number of statewide meetings," said Poyser. "We will use a variety of media, including our website, to solicit input and feedback as the plan evolves."

Early in 2004, preservation and other stakeholders from throughout Oregon will come together in Salem for a daylong work session to help develop an outline for the revised statewide historic preservation plan.

The public will also be asked to comment on a draft plan prior to it being submitted to the National Park Service for final approval in November 2004.

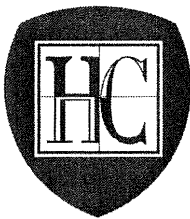
Meetings are currently scheduled in Baker City and Fossil on Oct. 21.; Madras, The Dalles and Ontario on Oct. 22; and Bend and Burns on Oct. 23.

Other upcoming meetings will be conducted in Albany, Ashland, Astoria, Coos Bay, Enterprise, Eugene, Gold Beach, Hood River, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lakeview, Newport, Pendleton, Portland Metro, Portland southwest/Hillsboro, Portland east/southeast, Roseburg and Salem. **[EDITORS PLEASE NOTE: We will notify you of specific dates, times and locations as they are scheduled.]**

For more information on specific meeting locations and times, visit  
[http:// www.shpo.state.or.us](http://www.shpo.state.or.us) on the Internet, or contact David Bogan at 503-986-0671 or  
< [david.bogan@state.or.us](mailto:david.bogan@state.or.us) >.

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**ABOUT THE HERITAGE CONSERVATION DIVISION (HCD):**



Heritage Conservation—a division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)—is comprised of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. HCD also includes the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee and the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council.

HCD provides educational and informational outreach opportunities regarding Oregon's cultural and historic resources and heritage-related matters; manages the National Register for Historic Places program for resources in Oregon; provides competitive grants and offers tax incentive programs to qualifying applicants; is the starting point for matters involving approval and issuance of archaeological permits and review and compliance requirements for undertakings that impact cultural and historic resources; assists with preservation planning efforts initiated by local governments; and develops the Oregon Historic Preservation Plan.

HCD supports the OPRD *Target 2014* strategic plan for historic preservation and cultural heritage, and assists its cultural resource management team in matters concerning cultural and historic resources located within the boundaries of the state parks system.

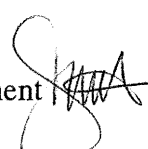
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## MEMORANDUM

Date: October 15, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors; Nolan Young, City Manager;  
The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission; The Dalles Museum  
Commission; Historic The Dalles Days Committee; The Dalles Historical  
Society; Commercial Historic District Property Owners; Trevitt's Historic  
District Property Owners; Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Gorge  
Genealogical Society

From: Dawn Marie Hert, Planner -Community Development Department 

RE: Community meeting with Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

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On Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission will be hosting a Community Meeting presented by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The objective of this meeting is to gather public input regarding the revision of the Oregon Historic Preservation Plan.

This meeting is part of a yearlong information gathering and analysis project. These community meetings will give Oregonians at the local level the opportunity to express their ideas and concerns regarding Historic Preservation in a public forum.

Representatives from the Heritage Conservation Division will facilitate a two hour meeting by asking participants several questions in order to gain a better perspective about what matters most to particular committees.

**What:** SHPO Community Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, October 22, 2003 from 5:30- 7:30 pm

**Where:** City of The Dalles City Council Chambers in City Hall  
located at 313 Court Street, The Dalles, OR

Your presence and input is important to our local historic preservation. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (541)296-5481 ext.1129 or [dawn\\_hert@ci.the-dalles.or.us](mailto:dawn_hert@ci.the-dalles.or.us).