



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Lawmakers May 'Dig In' Now To Solve '75 Space Problem

The Oregon Legislature is planning to go underground in 1975.

Despite metaphorical overtones, the event is not intended as a subterfuge to avoid compliance with the new open meeting law.

On the contrary, completion of the Capitol Forum -- a multi-use structure which may be sunk in Willson Park west of the Capitol Building -- is specifically designed to make workings of the Legislature more visible and open to the public than ever before.

Actually, the two-level underground building would serve two practical purposes. It would create a complex of hearing rooms for use by legislative committees and others. And it would make space in the Capitol Building now devoted to hearing rooms available for additional legislative offices.

Credit for the concept likely will go to House Speaker Dick Eymann (D-Springfield), who served on an ad hoc Capitol Mall development committee during the 1971-73 interim. As the story goes, Eymann stood at the Capitol's west entrance pondering the building's space problems. In a tableau not unlike that reminiscent of Balboa surveying the Pacific from the Isthmus of Panama, he suddenly discovered Willson Park and on the spot proposed a sub-surface Capitol expansion.

Since then the idea has met with favor generally, been submitted to an architectural firm, plans and models drawn and created and could be about a half-step from reality.

Meeting in the Capitol this week is the State Emergency Board, the legislative body charged with finding fiscal solutions to monetary problems of state government when the Legislature is not in session. The Capitol Forum is on the E Board meeting's agenda and the 1973 Legislature earmarked funds sufficient to pay for the project if it appears feasible.

With Eymann serving as co-chairman of the Emergency Board and legislative acceptance being what it is, odds are the Capitol Forum could be funded this week.

From a feasibility standpoint, proponents are extremely excited about the project. Located approximately 400 feet west of the Capitol Building, it would be linked to that structure by tunnels and also be accessible from the surface of Willson Park. The park setting would be relatively undisturbed except by a gently rising hillock, dubbed in Salem as the Indian Mound.

It would seat a total of 1,730 persons -- 900 of which could be seated in a single large auditorium amply equipped to also accommodate theatrical productions, movies, lectures, conventions and other types of public meetings. Other smaller meeting rooms -- six altogether -- would seat from 120 to 160 people.

An inner two-level foyer is described as ideal for exhibits and kitchen-type facilities are planned on both levels for the dispensing of food and beverages during recesses, luncheons, dinners, balls and public dances.

Portland Architects Wilmsen, Endicott, Greene, Bernhard and Associates point out the structure would be a boon for the Salem community by providing an exceptional convention and meeting center when not in use by the Legislature. And while this aspect of the project intrigues Chamber of Commerce types, City Fathers to date are less than totally enthusiastic. The fear construction of the Forum would complicate already crowded parking conditions in the area surrounding the Capitol and adjacent Willamette University.

Although the project does not include additional parking facilities, proponents discount such fears by pointing out the legislative hearing facility likely won't attract many more people than now jam every nook and cranny of the Capitol for hearings. Furthermore, they

point out, other events the Forum would be used for would attract crowds mostly during evening hours and periods when parking spaces are not at a premium.

From a cost standpoint, erection -- if that's the correct term -- of the Capitol Forum appears surprisingly economical. Planners figure it would contain a total of 63,462 square feet. That compares with 131,750 square feet of space on four levels of the Capitol itself.

Projected cost of the Forum is \$2,859,600 -- compared with approximately \$2.5 million spent to construct the Capitol back in 1936-38. Obtaining a structure nearly half the size of the Capitol 35 years later for slightly more than the cost of that original building seems like a bargain to most.

Going underground apparently has advantages in this instance. Planners say they avoid the cost of facing the new structure with matching marble, for instance, that would have to be transported many miles. Air-conditioning a sub-surface building is supposed to be less expensive. Builders wouldn't have to contend with windows and exterior maintenance would be avoided completely.

Erected when the state was home to about one million residents, the present Capitol Building does suffer from over-crowding. As the state's population has more than doubled, legislative procedures have become that much more complex. The present Capitol has been undergoing extensive remodeling to satisfy new space demands almost steadily since the mid-Sixties. And provisions for hearings in the new Forum likely will forestall major changes and shifting of present tenants for a while at least.

So if the Emergency Board approves funding and if a contractor can build the thing for the amount appropriated, the Legislature will go underground in a couple of years. If things go according to plan, completion could be achieved in March of 1975.

The 58th Legislature is scheduled to convene on January 13 that year. Barring possible construction-worker strikes, material shortages and other non-scheduled occurrences, lawmakers may get to finish the biennial regular session in relatively cavernous comfort.

Buses Run First Day

The school buses will make their runs and hot lunch will be served when District 2CJ schools open Tuesday, Sept. 4, with a full day of classes scheduled.

Registration for all students, including those who preregistered in the spring, will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 30-31. Out of state and out of district students should call 332-3131, or come to the school as soon as possible so that their transcripts may be secured from the school they last attended.

The school office will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., including the noon hour, beginning on Monday, August 20. Student fees are due at the time of registration. General fees (textbook rental, towel fees, and studentbody cards) common to all high school students total \$14. Other fees, which are optional or dependent on courses taken (accident insurance, physical education uniforms, etc.) are also payable at this time. If fees cannot be paid at the time of registration, other arrangements may be made with the principal.

I RENTED IT THROUGH THE WANT ADS

FOR REAL ENGLISH STYLE

FISH CHIPS

Molly Malone's...

AT BATTLE ROCK!

11 A.M. TO 7 P.M. MONDAYS THRU SATURDAYS

Visitor Count Shows Down Trend In July

Visitor counts taken at the state's border information centers indicated a downward trend for the month of July compared to the same month in 1972. It was announced today by Victor B. Fryer, travel information director for the State Highway Division.

The figures showed a drop of 23 per cent from the previous year. Fryer said, however, a sampling of major chambers of commerce indicates that a number of areas feel that business is equal to or better than last year. Many others still say business is below last year's level. The Oregon Motor Hotel Association reports July occupancy rates up four per cent statewide over last July sampling of motels.

Indications are that out-of-state visitations are definitely down, Fryer stated, but evidently more Oregonians are taking short trips within the state rather than risk getting caught without sufficient gasoline far from home. This has helped to keep tourist areas close to the metropolitan centers as busy or busier than normal while the more distant spots are feeling the pinch.

As an example, Fryer explained, Seaside and Timberline Lodge report that business is excellent, but it is down at Crater Lake, Oregon Caves, Sea Lion Caves and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. Eastern Oregon generally is down 3.5 per cent in motel occupancy for July according to Oregon Motor Hotel Association figures.

Visitors to the border information centers were down 12 per cent at Ashland and Astoria, 19 per cent at Ontario, 34 per cent at Portland, and 52 per cent at Klamath Falls. In addition, out-of-state visitors to the Capitol in Salem were down 28 per cent for July compared to last year.

Open House Set Sunday

Friends of the Clarence Hansens are invited to an open house in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary, on Sunday, August 19, between 3 and 5 p.m. at their residence at 637 West 19th Street.

No gifts are requested.

PORT ORFORD PAIR ATTENDS INSTALLATION

Mrs. W.D. Spencer and Mrs. Earl Barrington of Port Orford attended the Dinner Installation of Coos County Salon 509, 8-40, a subsidiary of the American Legion auxiliary on Friday, August 10, at the Chandler Hotel in Coos Bay. Traveling with them was Mrs. Bill Trott of Bandon.

Mrs. Spencer, retiring president, was installed as the Salon State Executive Board Representative, and Mrs. Barrington as Chaplin, for the coming year.

Ripper Reports

BY SEN. JACK RIPPER

Coos and Curry Counties

The Emergency Board this week is holding its first work session of the 1973 biennium. I have been one of the Senators selected to serve on the Emergency Board, so I want to acquaint you with the responsibilities and activities of that body. We meet once a month, for two days, and at this meeting there are over 50 items on the agenda. The range of items run from hiring new people accepting federal grants, approving state building construction, revising budgets, and many other items. In next weeks column, I will outline for you some of the action of the meeting.

To understand the "E" Board you must know that the sessions of the Legislature and its branches are set out in the Oregon Constitution. The Oregon Constitution provides that its Legislature meet every two years, except when the Governor calls a special session.

However, in modern times, the business of the state cannot always wait two years. To overcome this problem, the people voted to set up the Emergency Board.

The Board consists of seven Senators and eight Representatives, with the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate as co-chairman. In a sense, it serves as a miniature legislature that disperses money and handles emergencies that come up while the regular session is adjourned.

There is much criticism of the power that this group holds,

but there is no other way to handle the business of the State until the time that Oregon goes to annual legislative sessions and meet every year as most other states do now.

Oregon's Constitution also has a strong safe-guard on your money. It states that there can be no deficit spending -- that the state cannot go in debt, using money it doesn't have. This means the State cannot borrow or bond or set up programs without Legislative consent. State Agencies must also get Emergency Board approval to accept federal grants.

It is too bad that the Federal Government doesn't have such restrictions so we would have more control on their wild spending.

This week I called a meeting of interested people to meet with Dr. Dwayne Andrews, director of the Department of Continuing Education. The responsibility of this department is to arrange for college courses to be offered in small towns, usually given at night by professors from the Universities.

The purpose is to bring College education to the parts of the state which do not have Universities or four-year colleges. In the past few years the department has seemed to forget these goals, and has offered most of their courses in Eugene and Portland where there are already Universities.

I admit to being very critical of this practice when their

budget came before my committee in Ways and Means. The money is being spent in the wrong places, and we want this changed.

Dr. Andrews had an opportunity to hear this same opinion echoed by superintendents and school administrators from all of Coos and Curry. The consensus at the meeting showed that our counties need an office and personnel here to develop our program and have more courses offered.

There are many of our youth, our senior citizens, and people from the business communities who would like to take courses to better themselves for their education, for their life enrichment, and their livelihood.

The desire and the need is here. We expect the state to respond and to make necessary changes.

We are now in a period when U. S. Congressmen are at home visiting the state and speaking to us. They spend most of their time in Washington, D.C., -- away from Oregon, and are not always aware of how we feel on problems, such as the gas shortage, highways, inflation, and economic development.

Our Oregon delegation has had a tendency to become "federalized" and spend much of their efforts on international matters, forgetting that they are there to represent you.

This is a good time for you to talk to them and let them know you are concerned with Oregon's problems, and have them remember they are working for YOU and for Oregon.

Oregon is not a "receiving" state. We are putting more taxes into the Federal Government than we are getting back

in benefits and projects. We need help from the Federal Government on water and sewer and irrigation projects, on off-shore fisheries protection, on development of secondary highways, on pollution, and health and education.

We have only to look to our sister states of Washington and California to see the results of aggressive efforts in Congress.

Pickle-Making Tips

Grandmother's recipes may work very well for some favorite dishes, but when it comes to pickles, use only modern techniques, advises Oregon State University's Extension food marketing specialist Velma Seat.

It is important to use the correct amount of salt and vinegar in brined pickles such as cucumber dills. Mrs. Seat emphasizes. Too much salt will shrivel the pickles. Too little may result in the growth of undesirable organisms.

Using the right amount of vinegar prevents the growth of Clostridium botulinum, the bacteria that produce the dangerous toxins in low-acid foods.

Pickle products require heat treatment, not only to inactivate enzymes that may affect flavor, color and texture, but also to destroy yeasts and molds that cause spoilage. The boiling water bath is the recommended processing method.

Extension home economists report that problems with homemade pickles often begin with old recipes that carry "fond memories but foggy directions." Modern recipes that give step-by-step instructions for successful pickling are available in a free bulletin at county extension offices.

Announcing

THE OPENING OF A NEW SENTRY MARKET IN NORTH PLAINS,

NORTH PLAINS SENTRY, LOCATED AT 570 COMMERCIAL AVE. IN NORTH PLAINS IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS. WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME THIS NEW MEMBER TO OUR GROWING FAMILY OF FINE STORES, WATCH FOR THE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION WHICH WILL BE COMING SOON!

MARGARINE

Blue Bonnet

3/\$1

BANDONS CHEESE

2 LB MEDIUM

\$1.88

HAMBURGER HELPER

* All Varieties

2/\$1



WILSON'S WHOLE SMOKED PICNICS

LB.

89¢

HYGRADE LARGE SIZE WIENERS \$1.89

TOMATO CATSUP

14 oz.

29¢

POTATO CHIPS

16 oz. Nalleys Reg. 98¢ 3-Bag-Box

69¢

KLEENEX TISSUE

200 Count

3/\$1

IMPERIAL MARGARINE

DOG FOOD

55¢

9/99¢

FROZEN FOODS

MEAT PIES

4 \$1

ORANGE JUICE 12 oz. 36¢

10 oz. Western Family STRAWBERRIES 3/\$1

6 oz. Western Family LEMONADE 7/\$1



Sweetheart 22 oz. Dishwashing Detergent 4/\$1

ELECTRA-SOL 3 \$1.11

MISCAFE 4 \$1.11

MARGARINE 2 98¢

Glaxo Flexstraws 4/\$1

MANDARIN ORANGES

WESTERN FAMILY

3/89¢

ZEE TISSUE

4 PACK

2/89¢

DIAL, BATH SIZE DEODORANT SOAP 4 5oz 89¢

WHITE KING 'D' LAUNDRY DETERGENT 49 oz 59¢

FORMULA 409 BATHROOM CLEANER 20 oz 85¢

STA. PUF FABRIC SOFTENER 64 oz 69¢

STAY FREE MINI-PADS 30 89¢

ZEST, BATH SIZE BAR SOAP 2 3 4 oz 39¢

HILLS BROS. GROUND COFFEE 1 lb \$1.05 2 \$1.99

HILLS BROS. GROUND COFFEE 1 lb \$1.03

Western Shores 49 oz. Pwd. Detergent 63¢

Western Shores one gallon Bleach 45¢

Western Shores 200 foot Plastic Wrap 45¢

Western Shores 40 ct. Paper Plates 39¢

Western Shores 32 oz. Liquid Detergent 45¢

Western Family 4 pk Cup Pudding 59¢

Western Family 15 1/2 oz. Pork and Beans 5/\$1

Western Family 15 oz. Chili 3/\$1

SENTRY SAVERS

Parkay Margarine 3/\$1

Silk 60 ct. Napkins 8/\$1

Northern Jumbo Towels 2/69¢

Glade Air Freshner 49¢

Blue Mountain Horsemeat Foursome 3/\$1

Dog Food 3/\$1



Buck's Sentry No. 1, Bandon
Buck's Sentry No. 2, Port Orford

ALL ADVERTISED ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY.

AD PRICES EFFECTIVE AUG. 16-17-18