

Court House Architecture Fits That of Capitol Group?

Question Asked If Court House Ties Into Group

Do plans for the exterior of the Marion county courthouse conform architecturally with the beautiful buildings forming the capitol group?

This is the question asked by many Salem and Marion county citizens after viewing the plans prepared by Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect, for the new courthouse, expected to be constructed next year.

Rising from its own ashes, Oregon's marble capitol building dominates the capitol group. The structure, of modernized Greek architecture, stands on the site of the state's second capitol, destroyed by fire in 1935. The new building was completed in 1938 at a cost of \$2,500,000. The architect was Francis Keally of New York City. The design was selected in a nationwide contest.

Library Follows Capitol

Next came the state library building, located just north of the west wing of the capitol building, and architecturally harmonizing with the capitol.

Nearing completion is the five-story state office building, to the east of the sunken gardens. Like the state library, the new structure likewise is in complete harmony with the group.

Soon to be constructed will be the new state highway building, located just north of the state office building, its plans also in accord with the general architectural scheme adopted for the capitol group.

Postoffice Conforms

West of the capitol group is Salem's new postoffice. Even though built in 1937, prior to the completion of the new capitol, it fits in architecturally with the capitol group.

County Judge Grant Murphy has announced that construction of the new courthouse cannot begin before July 1, 1950. The present courthouse will not be vacated prior to January 1, 1950.

In the meantime, Miss Renzka Swart is leading a campaign to retain the old courthouse structure for historical reasons, together with the fact that it is the only building in the county with architecture that antedates 20th century vogues. Basic plans for the new courthouse were approved by the courthouse commission on August 18 with some members of the commission expressing satisfaction "with the close conformity of the general plan with other governmental buildings in Salem."

Episcopalians Study Canons on Divorce

San Francisco, Sept. 30 (AP)—Delegates to the 56th general Episcopal convention today studied a report by a house of bishops committee urging a more liberal interpretation of the church canon on marriage after divorce.

The committee's report recommended that bishops be given greater authority in sanctioning the remarriage of divorced persons.

The report pointed out that under present canon a marriage may be dissolved only if certain impediments existed before the marriage. The committee, however, holds that the impediments should also be grounds for nullifying a marriage if they occur after marriage.

Committeemen urged that a commission on holy matrimony be appointed to study the divorce canon and recommend an amendment to the next general convention.

A joint session of the house of bishops and house of deputies was called upon to give greater aid to Europe's displaced persons by Bishop Norman Nash of Massachusetts. He also urged greater spiritual administration to city dwellers.

Oregon Hen Wins Egg-Laying Contest

New Brunswick, N.J., Sept. 30 (AP)—"Miss Eggsplosive," a white leghorn hen from Oregon, has taken the New Jersey egg-laying championship away from a home state bird, Prof. Clarence S. Platt of the Rutgers university poultry department reported today.

Platt said "Miss Eggsplosive," owned by J. A. Hanson of Corvallis, Ore., laid 349 eggs in 357 days at the Hunterdon county egg laying test, breaking the previous record of 340 eggs held since 1941 by a leghorn from Rapp's poultry farm at Freehold, N.J.

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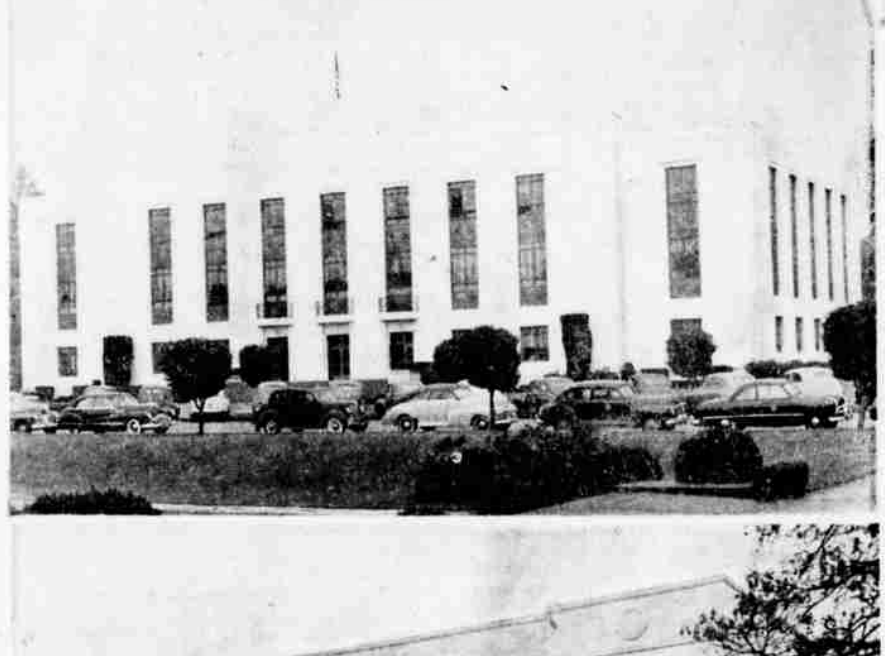
How Close a Match?—Architect's drawing of the proposed Marion county courthouse is shown top left, with the existing buildings of the state capitol group. Top right, is the capitol itself, with the state library and U. S. post office below it.

Bottom left is the new state office building now under construction. Architecture of the courthouse has been questioned locally if it conforms to the architectural style established by the existing buildings of the capitol group.

What Do You Think of Plans? Write to Editor

So the people of Marion county may have a chance to express their opinion of the plans for the proposed court house, the Capital Journal suggests letters to the editor be written on the subject.

Contributions from county residents must be limited to 50 words, however, expressing the writer's view on whether or not the exterior plan, shown on this page, conforms to the capitol group of buildings.



Little Community Chest Money Goes for Operation

A smaller part of the money contributed to Salem's Community Chest fund goes for operating cost than in most cities of Salem's size in the nation.

This information was contained in the latest national report of the Community Chest which showed the national average for cities of Salem's size for operation expenses to be 12.1 per cent of the funds. Salem's operational cost is 9.3 per cent of the fund, which amounts to approximately \$2,800 a year more for agencies of the Salem Chest.

Located at 241 North Liberty street, the office of the executive secretary is staffed by H. L. Braden, the executive secretary, and Miss Doris Schmidt. Braden, the executive secretary for 11 years, came to Salem in 1926 from Idaho where he was in the mercantile business. Before his appointment to the Chest position in 1938 he worked for the Metropolitan Life Insurance and the Ohio National Insurance companies.

Braden and Miss Schmidt keep the records of the year-round work of the Red Feather agencies and handle an average of 14,000 accounts, pledged to the Chest each year—last year the Chest lost only 1.7 of the pledges that were made. Monthly financial reports are made for the board of directors. Chest money allotted to agencies as it is needed and the books prepared for auditing by the W. G. Stacey company, public accountants.

Accounts for the Chest are written for a fiscal year running from October to October. Reports of the condition of the accounts is prepared by the W. G. Stacey company to be given to the board for inspection. It also is open for inspection by the public.

During the campaign period Braden receives volunteer aid in banking process from the local banks, staff members of the Red Feather agencies and from some of the state departments. W. G. Stacey company also sends a volunteer to coordinate the accounting system of the Salem Community Chest.

Three-Generation Tie At Pacific University

Forest Grove, Sept. 30 (AP)—A grandfather and a granddaughter are going to school together at Pacific university.

The grandfather is H. W. Freney, 58-year-old retired sailor who entered the university as a freshman a year ago. Freney, who had always wanted to go to college but could never afford it until now, is studying business administration and Spanish.

He is also giving tips on college life to his 14-year-old granddaughter, Donna Leach, who is taking special music classes at the university.

Selective Service End Like No Insurance

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 30 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said today that to kill selective service at this time would be "like cancelling an insurance policy for a person nearing the test of survival."

The selective service chief said machinery has been set up to put the draft in full operation within 60 days in the event of emergency. If the law were dropped, he said, it would take six months before draft could begin.

Hershey, making his only scheduled northwest public appearance at a Rotary club meeting, said voluntary enlistments were now filling armed forces quotas. "But to drop the selective service law would be like laying off the fire department until a fire."

"I urge you to mend your ways," the judge said, "and start being an emissary of good will. A thing like this does more to undermine good relationships than all the work of those trying to promote friendliness."

Long Island, New York, produces most of the Brussels sprouts grown in America.

Oregon Cities Urged To Plan for Future

Portland, Sept. 30 (AP)—Oregon cities should be planning for the growth bound to come in the next 50 years, George W. Peavy, Corvallis mayor, said here yesterday.

He told the joint convention of the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Finance Officers' association that the population will have doubled by the year 2000.

Peavy, president of the League of Oregon Cities, also urged that voters take more interest in civic affairs, lest the "quick-witted crooks" and dishonest politician take over the community.

The executive director of the Municipal Finance Officers' association, Miner B. Phillips, Chicago, said most cities could save money by eliminating overlapping services of separate departments.

"Even the smallest city can do it," Phillips said. "Go home and try it."

Boy, 5, Hangs Self In Tree Accident

Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 30 (AP)—Mrs. Velma Wells noticed her five-year-old son, Ray standing by a tree in the back yard when she called him into supper last night.

He was still in the same position a few minutes later when she went out to see why he hadn't answered.

The boy was dead, hanged accidentally by the string on his cowboy hat which had snagged on a low branch of the tree he had been climbing.

L. A. Retired Chief Acquitted of Charges

Los Angeles, Sept. 30 (AP)—Retired police Chief C. B. Horrall was acquitted Thursday of a charge that he led to a county grand jury that investigated alleged police-protected vice in Los Angeles.

Superior Judge Stanley N. Barnes cleared Lt. Rudy A. Wellpott, former head of the police administration vice squad, of perjury and bribery charges by sustaining a motion to quash, but the court denied a similar

Ball Player Injured

Dayton — Donny Allen, son of Mrs. Fred Rader, and a sophomore at the Dayton Union high school, sustained a broken collarbone while playing in a football scrimmage with the McMinnville "B" squad. He was a first string quarterback.

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