

# Visitor Center At Ft. Clatsop National Memorial Will Be Dedicated August 25

Portland — The newly constructed Visitor Center at Ft. Clatsop National Memorial, near Astoria, will be formally dedicated Aug. 25 in a public ceremony. Charles L. Peterson, superintendent of the memorial, has announced.

The date also will mark the 47th anniversary of the department of the interior's national park service, which administers the memorial.

**First Such Journey**  
Ft. Clatsop National Memorial commemorates one of the West's most significant historical events — the 1805-6 winter encampment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition following its crossing of the

North American continent. The Expedition was the first such journey across the Continent between the Spanish possessions on the south and British Canada to the north, and was of major importance in the history of the United States, Peterson noted. It gave the first detailed knowledge of the far Northwest and awakened the interest which started a procession of trappers and settlers to the region, a factor in making the Northwest American rather than British.

Although the new Visitor Center — a one-story frame building with 4,400 square feet of floor space — is now open and in use by the memorial staff, the historical exhibits for its museum will not be completely installed until sometime in June, Peterson noted.

The exhibits — which are being prepared by the National Park Service Museum Laboratory in San Francisco — will depict the story of the

Lewis and Clark Expedition, starting with its conception by President Thomas Jefferson, who recognized the importance to his young nation of the vast wilderness beyond the Mississippi river.

**Highlights of Exhibits**  
One of the highlights of the exhibits will be a 36-foot wall map showing the route of the

## Welfare Budget Receives Approval

Salem — (UPI) — The full Ways and Means committee Tuesday approved a \$106.7 million welfare budget.

The budget was cut \$21,000 from the amount asked by Gov. Mark Hatfield. The budget includes funds for an additional 128 caseworkers, 37 of whom will make a special effort to help recipients get off the welfare rolls.

Also included is a special seven-man team to make a continuing study to root out fraud cases.

The state's share will be about \$41.9 million, the federal government will supply \$49.8 million, and the counties \$13.8 million.

The committee also approved the budgets of the Bureau of Labor, Industrial Accident Commission, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

Expedition from St. Louis to the mouth of the Columbia river. Appropriate illustrations, artifacts and written material will accompany the

map. Another outstanding feature will be a scale diorama with lifelike figures in a naturalistic setting, portraying

one of the exciting moments of the Expedition's Ft. Clatsop stay — the viewing of a beach-campsite at what is now Can-

non Beach, Captain Clark and a small party of soldiers set out to obtain much needed blubber and oil from the whale, but by the time they got there they found the industrious Tillamook Indians had already reduced the huge sea animal to a virtual skeleton.

The Visitor Center also includes an audiovisual room where colored slides with sound narration will tell other phases of the Lewis and Clark story, Peterson said.

**Replica of Fort**  
In addition to the Visitor Center, the Memorial contains on its 125-acre site a replica of the original log fort built by Lewis and Clark's detachment of 30 men. The replica faithfully follows the floor plan dimensions as drawn by Captain Clark on the elkhide cover of his field book. It is being refurbished to appear as it did on the day the detachment left it on March 23, 1806, to begin their long journey home.

Burnby M. Bell, historian at the memorial, said replicas of two canoes of the types used in Lewis and Clark's time will be displayed. One is a 21-foot Indian type canoe, and the other a 32-foot dugout "white man's" canoe identical to those which transported the Expedition on its Columbia river journey.

Visitors to the memorial will find trails corresponding to those used by the band of explorers which was followed to the canoe landing, the camp spring and toward the seacoast.

The memorial is located 4½ miles south of Astoria just off Highway 101. It is open all year.



**DEDICATION SET**—This is the new Ft. Clatsop National Memorial near Astoria which will be dedicated in ceremonies Aug. 25. The building will house exhibits and a museum, but most of the exhibits will not be completely installed until in June, according to Charles L. Peterson, memorial superintendent.

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