

Sleek, Shiny and New

Olympia's Post WWII Architecture



Capitol Way looking south - 1954

Michael Houser
State Architectural
Historian

A-Frame

Brutalism

Post Modern

Shed

New Formalism

Solid End Wall

Neo-Expressionism

MODERN MOVEMENT

International Style

Curtain Wall

Northwest Regional

Mansard

Populuxe

Contemporary

Wrightian

**Geodesic
Dome**

Miesian

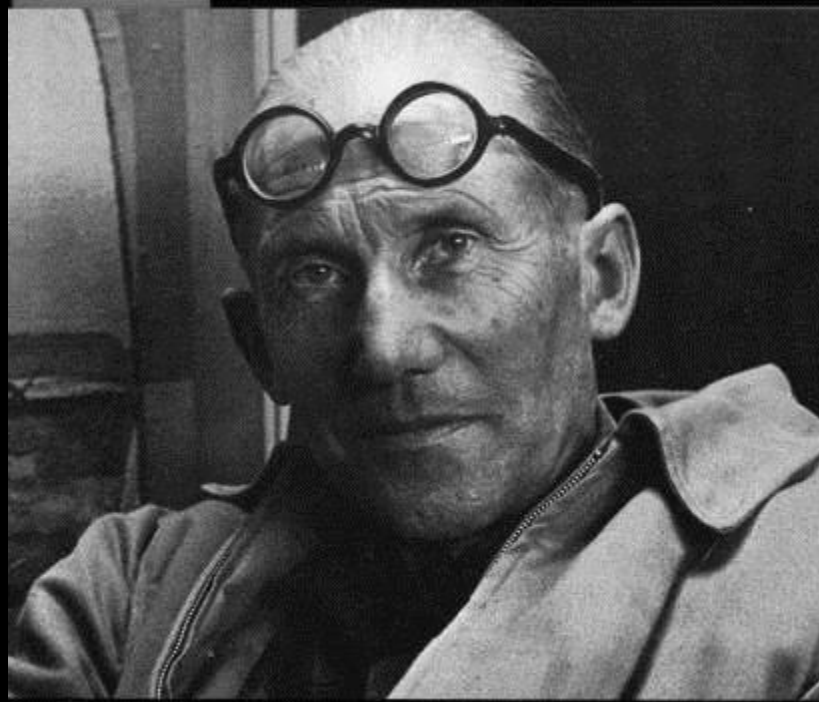
Deconstruction

Solid End Wall





Mies van der Rohe



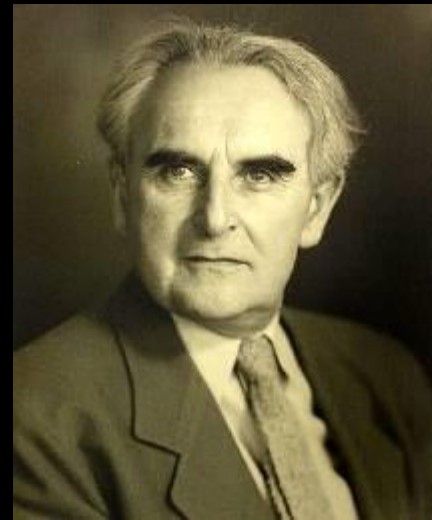
Le Corbusier



Walter Gropius



Phillip Johnson

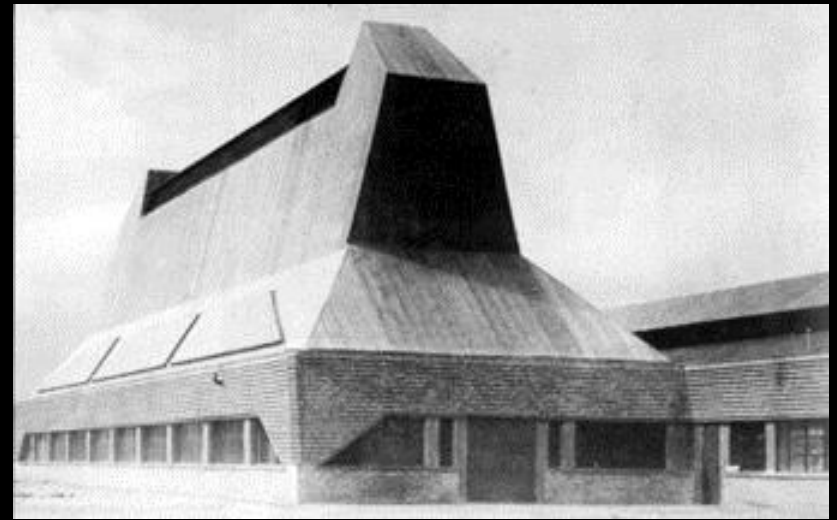


Richard Neutra



Bauhaus

Walter Gropius, Dessau,
Germany, 1925



Hat Factory Eric Mendelsohn,
Brandenburg, Germany, 1921-23



Schroder House Thomas Gerrit Rietveld
The Netherlands, 1924



Olympia – Mid 1920s to late 1930s



Baretich Building, 1936



Thurston County Courthouse, 1939



Capitol Park Building, 1939



G.V. Valley Shopping Center, 1938



P-207 Capitol Way looking north - Olympia, Wn.

Late 1930s – Capitol Way & 7th Ave., looking North

Grant Talcott Fire Station

Built: 1948



Architect: Joseph
Wohleb

221 NW Perry St

Thorp Motors

Built: 1945

222 N
Capitol Way



Olympia USO

Built: 1945



1314 4th Ave



Clow Apartments

Built: 1949



Architect: George Ekvall

506 16th Ave

State Theater

Built: 1949



204 4th Ave

Architect: Robert
H. Wohleb

Memorial Clinic

Built: 1948



Architects:
Wohleb & Wohleb
Contractor:
Strand & Sons Co.

529 4th Ave W.



architect:
Wohleb & Wohleb & Assoc.
contractor:
STRAND & SON
mason contractor:
KENNETH GEORGE

Attractive Olympia Memorial Clinic features
Chehalis Red Roman Brick

The warm, pleasing texture of Chehalis Red Romans—the Pacific Northwest's most distinctive brick—was selected by the architect to distinguish this modern clinic building in Olympia.

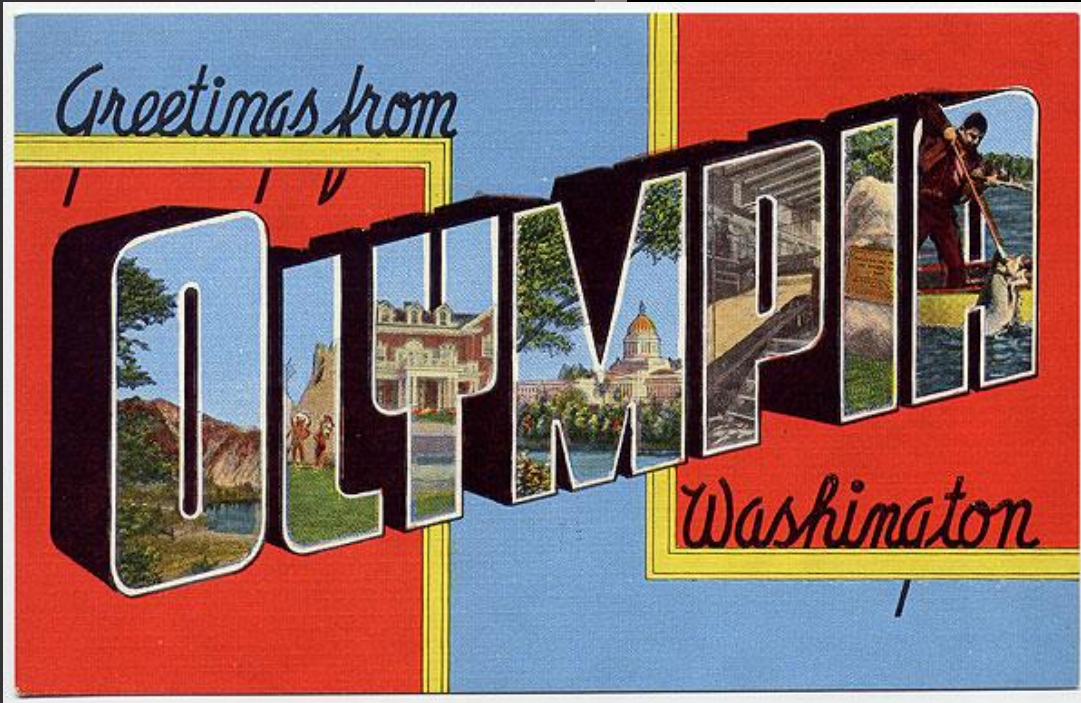
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Mayor
Amanda Smith
(1953-60)
First Woman Mayor



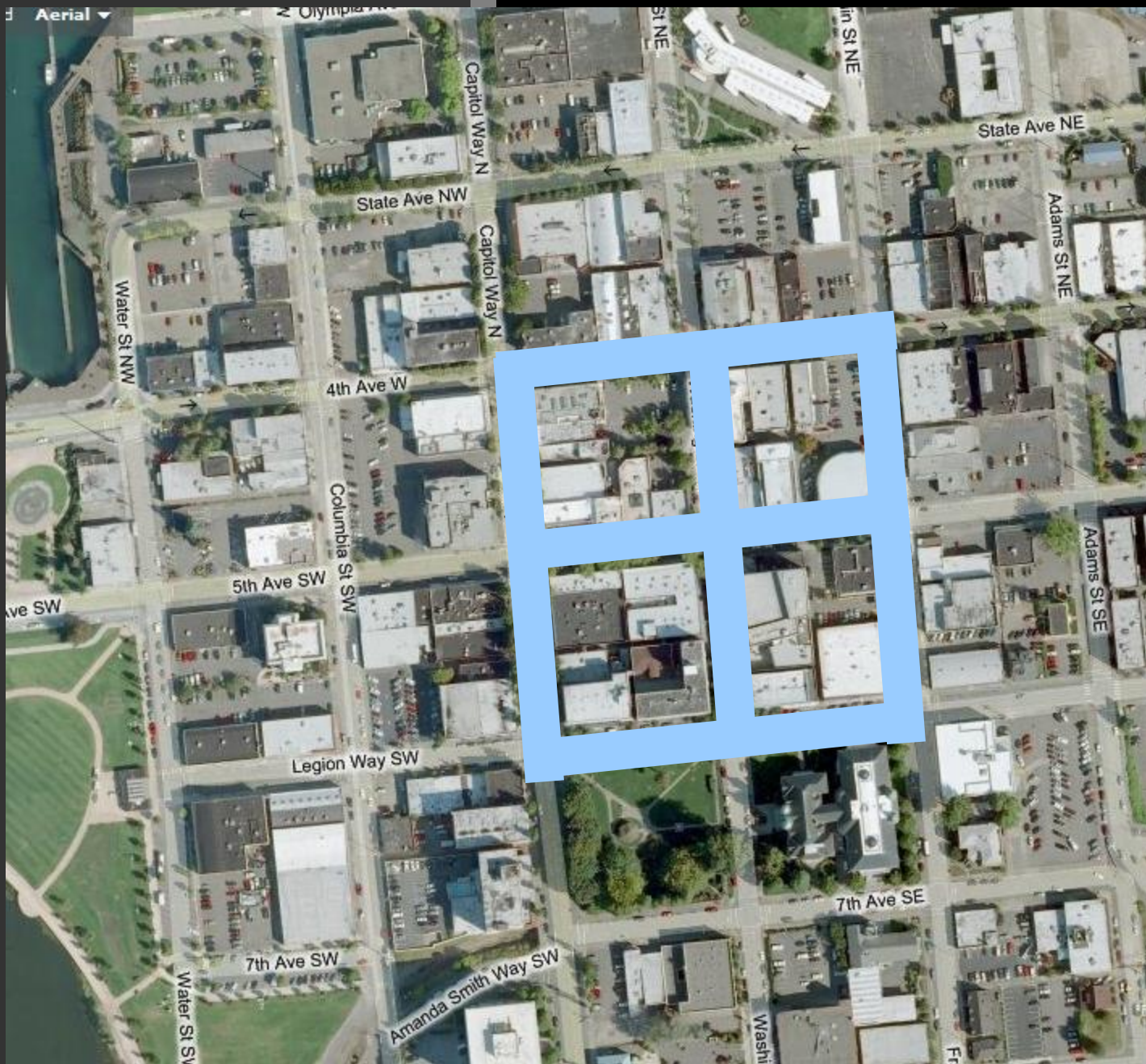
Governor
Rosellini
and Family
(1957-65)

Capitol Lake Dam

Built: c.1951



5th Ave SW



WISE Study 1958

Proposed
elevated
parking
structure
above streets
in heart of
downtown

INTERNATIONAL STYLE



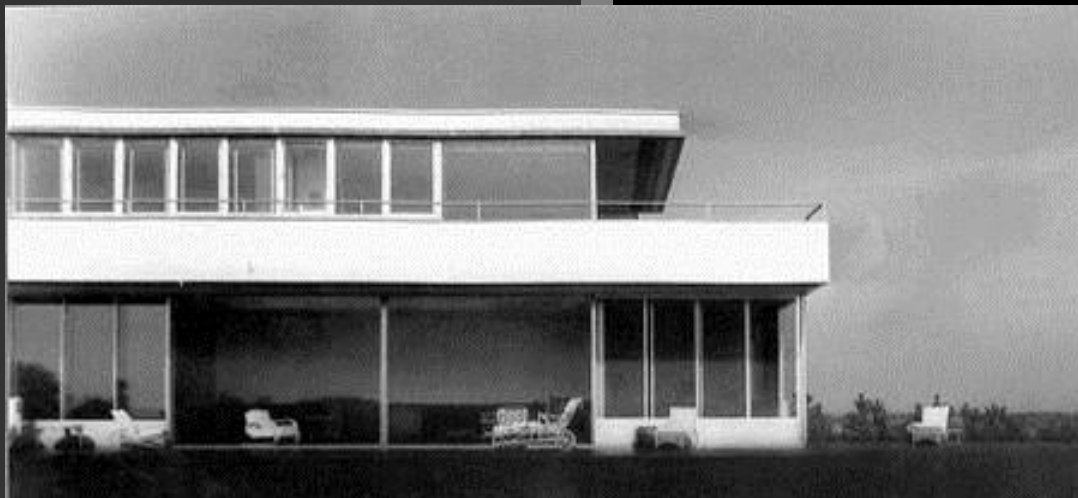
Lovell House

Richard Neutra,
Los Angeles, CA -
1924



Lovell Beach House

R.M. Schindler, Newport
Beach, CA - 1925



"Windshield" House Richard
Neutra, California -1938



Weissenhof House

Le Corbusier, Stuttgart,
Germany, 1927

Sy & Mildred Nash House

Built: 1941



Architect:
Paul Thiry



7608 Cooper Point Rd

Capitol Center Apartments

Built: 1949



Architect: Fred Rogers



1517 Capitol Way

Georgia - Pacific Plywood Company Office

Built: 1952 / 60



600 Capitol Way N

Architects:
NBBJ
Wohleb & Wohleb

General Administration

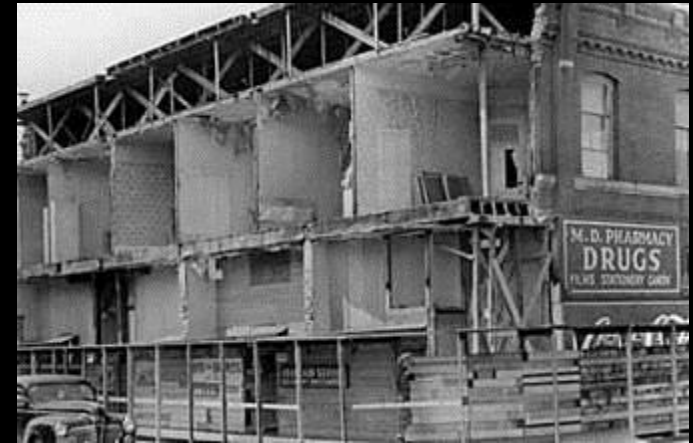
Built: 1956



210 11th Ave SW

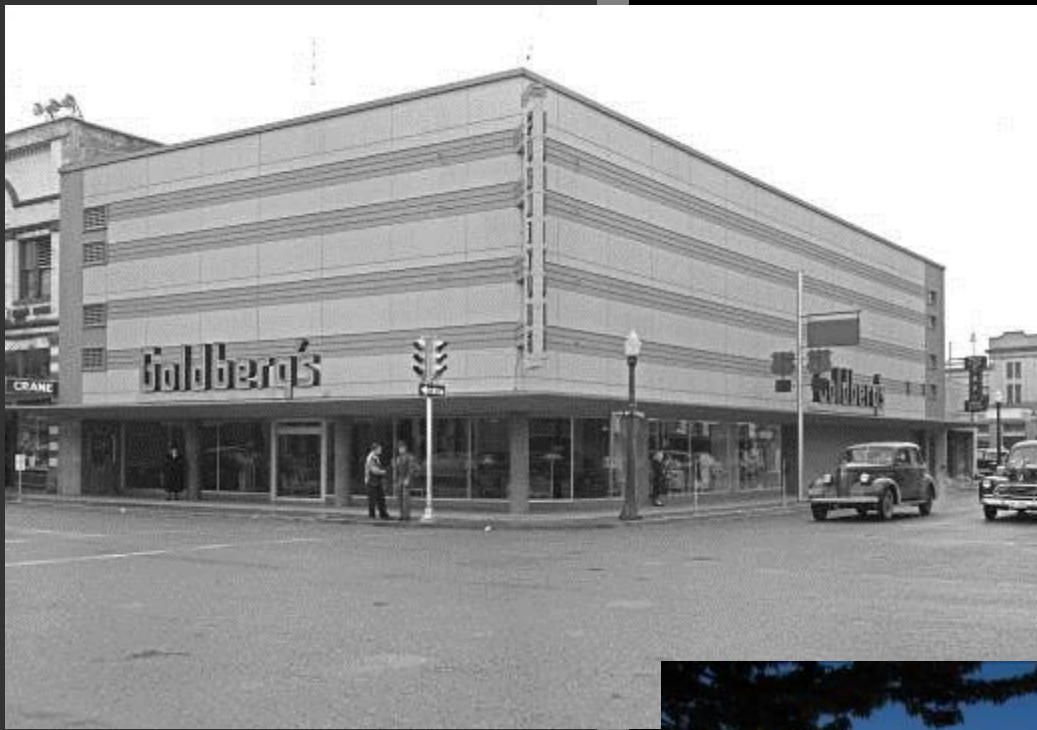
Architect: A. Gordon Lumm

1949 Earthquake



Goldberg's Furniture Store

Built: 1950



Architects:
Wohleb & Wohleb



403 Capitol Way

Sears Department Store

Built: 1952

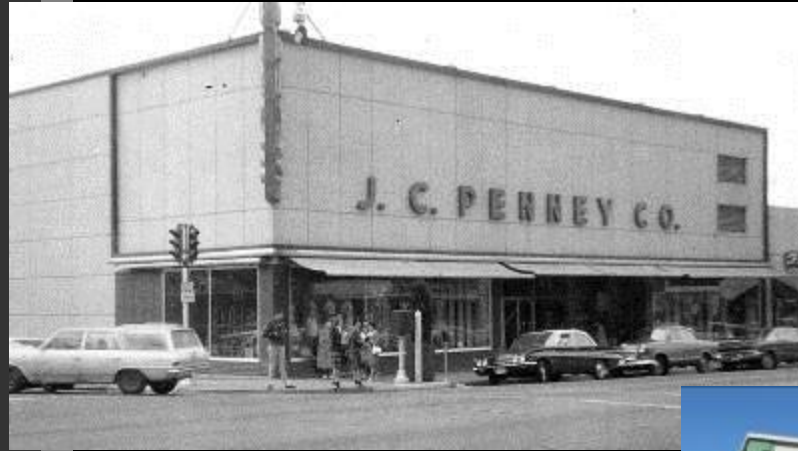


600 Franklin St

Architect:
George Ekvall

JC Penny Department Store

Built: 1958



521 Capitol Way



520 Capitol Way

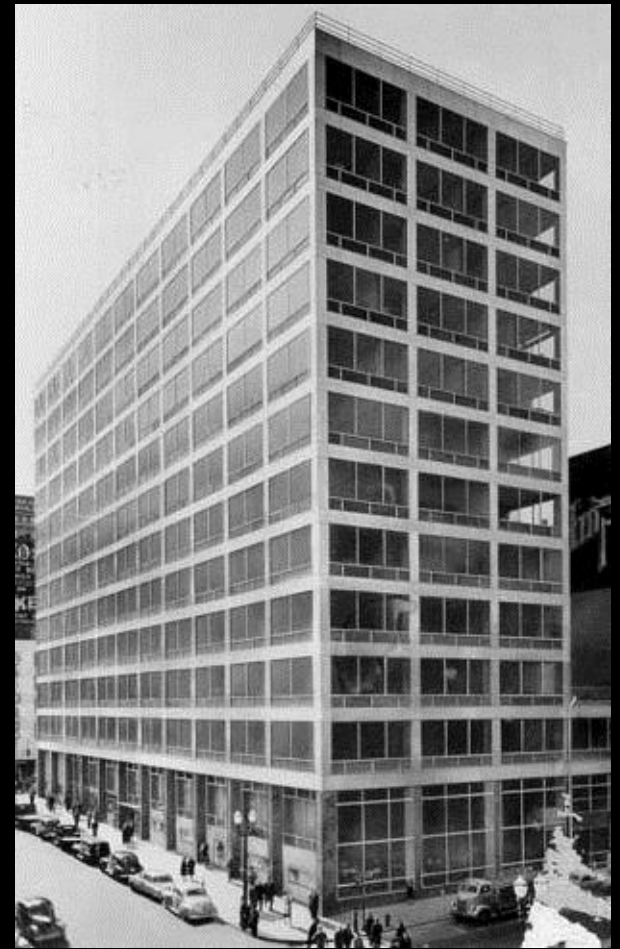
Miller's Department Store

Built: c.1954

CURTAIN WALL

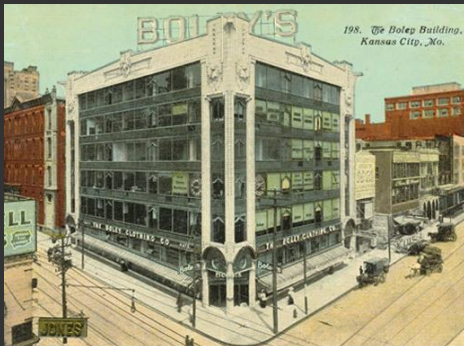


**Equitable Savings
& Loan Bldg**
Pietro Bullushi,
Portland, OR - 1948



Hallidie Building
San Francisco, CA
-1918

Boley Building
Kansas City, KA -
1909





Blue Cross Building
Seattle, 1959



City Hall
Richland,
1965



Richland High School
Richland, c. 1965



WWP Building Spokane, 1959



Logan Building
Seattle, 1957

1007 Washington Building

Built: 1959



1017 Washington St



Contractor: Dawley Bros. Construction



Sunset Life Insurance Co.

Built: 1959



Architects:
Wohleb &
Wohleb



3200 Capitol Blvd

Capitol Center Building

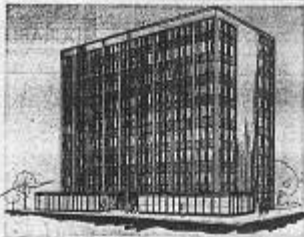
Built: 1966



Architects: Bennett & Olson
Contractor: Cascade
Olympia



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613 South Capitol Way, Olympia
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410 5th Ave





Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Built: 1958



Architect: Kenneth Ripley

1006 4th Ave

IBM Building

Built: 1959



Architect: Jared Morse

106 Maple Park Dr.

NEW FORMALISM



Amon Carter Museum
Philip Johnson,
Fort Worth TX, 1961



Bon Marche
Tacoma, c. 1962



Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium, Wayne State University
Minoru Yamasaki, Detroit, MI, 1955-59



US Science Pavilion
Minoru Yamasaki, Seattle,
1962



Dry Falls Interp. Center
Coulee City, 1966

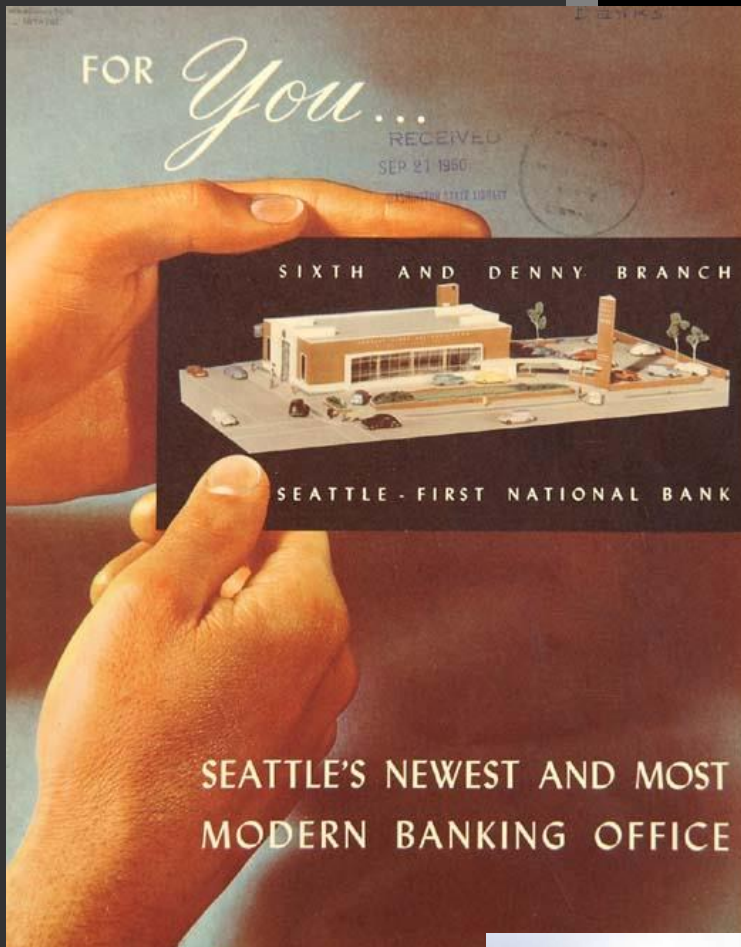
Seattle First National Bank

Built: 1958

Architects:
McClelland &
Osterman



210 5th Ave



Moses Lake



Toppenish



Seattle



Bremerton

Washington State Library

Built: 1959



415 15th Ave SW

Architect: Paul Thiry

Washington State Library

Built: 1959



415 15th Ave SW

Olympia Federal Savings

Built: 1967 / 78



Architect:
Bennett & Johnson
Contractor:
Andy Johnson



421 Capitol Way N

Washington State Employees Credit Union

Built: 1967



Architect:
Bennett & Johnson



502 Union Ave SE

SOLID END WALL

120 Union Avenue Building

Built: 1954



Architect & Contractor:
Dawley Bros.
Construction



120 Union Ave SE

Golden Gavel Motor Hotel

Built: 1958



Architect & Contractor:
Dawley Bros.
Construction

909 S Capitol Way

Olympia Medical-Dental Building

Built: 1957



Architect: Unknown
Contractor: Lurie
Construction Co.



108 SW 22nd Ave

Architects:

- George Ekvall
- Robert Wohleb
- G. Stacey Bennett
- Steve Johnson
- Robert T. Olson
- Irv Flotree
- Gerald Peters
- Don Avery
- Donn Sibold



Bennett

Wohleb



Ekvall



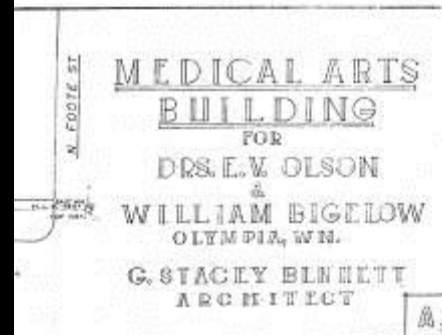
Sibold



Medical Arts Center

Built: 1962

Architect: G. Stacey Bennett
Contractor: McClain
McDowell



1015 W 4th Ave



KGY Radio Station

Built: 1960



1240 Washington St

Architect: Robert Wohleb
Contractor: A.J. Phillips



Committee for the '60's

These are the people who will be giving hundreds of hours of their time during the next year to prepare a comprehensive Capital Improvement Program for the City of Olympia. They earnestly solicit your assistance and suggestions.

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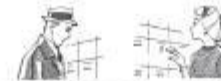
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Committee for the 60's

OLYMPIA'S FUTURE IS YOUR FUTURE



VOTE YES

ON ALL THREE IMPROVEMENTS

N.B. — VOTERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON EACH PROPOSITION SEPARATELY
This Booklet Paid for by Olympia's Committee for the 60's

NO INCREASE IN PRESENT TAX LEVIES!

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A MILLION DOLLARS

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Capital Improvements

and

Beautification

for

The CITY of OLYMPIA

Presented by — OLYMPIA'S COMMITTEE FOR THE 60'S — Sherman Huffine, Chairman

NO INCREASE IN PRESENT TAX LEVIES!

HOW can we accomplish the THREE PROJECTS outlined with NO INCREASE IN PRESENT TAX LEVIES?

1985
In 1985 the City will be free of bonded indebtedness incurred in 1955 to pay for street lights — storm sewers and street improvements. The bond issues recommended for the Committee for the 80's program, will be issued in amounts and at such times that they will be covered by the same levy now being used to retire the maturing bonds.

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|--|------------------------------|
| PROPOSITION NO. 1 — Extension of Henderson Boulevard | G. O. BONDS ——— \$100,000.00 |
| PROPOSITION NO. 2 — City Administration Building | G. O. BONDS ——— \$850,000.00 |
| PROPOSITION NO. 3 — Capitol Lake Development | \$250,000.00 |
| TOTAL G. O. BONDS TO BE ISSUED ——— | \$1,200,000.00 |

EVERYBODY BENEFITS — This Capital Improvement Program means:

JOBS — INDUSTRY — TRADE — FOR ALL OLYMPIANS

ALL THREE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED — — BY THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- The Thurston County Taxpayers Association
- The Thurston County Labor Council — (Central Labor Council)
- The Olympia Area Chamber of Commerce

WE NEED YOUR APPROVAL AND YOUR VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 11

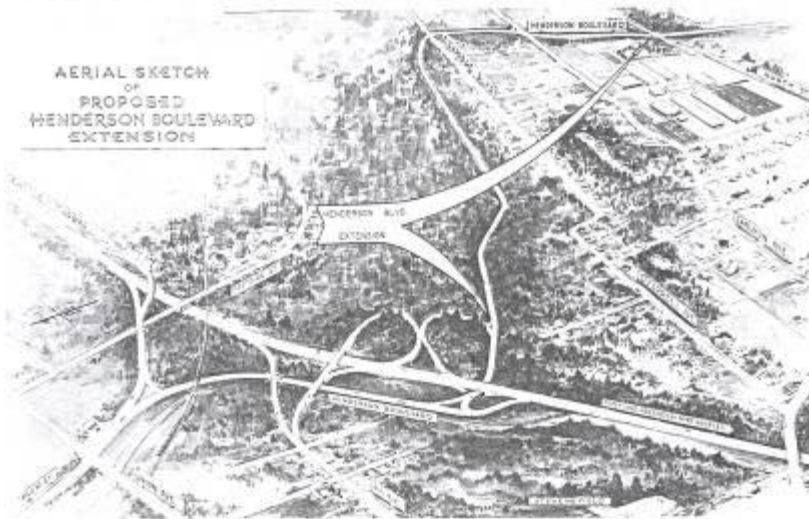
Vote with Us! - Build with Us! - Benefit with Us!

Vote Yes On All Three Propositions Separately

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Proposition No. 1 - EXTENSION OF HENDERSON BOULEVARD

AERIAL SKETCH OF PROPOSED HENDERSON BOULEVARD EXTENSION



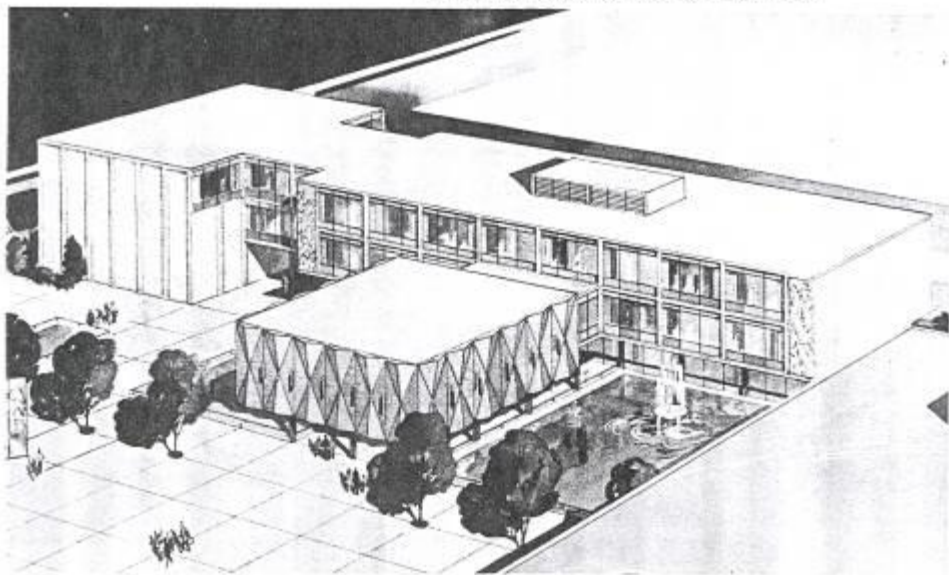
This project will extend Henderson Boulevard — from the Northbound Freeway exit to the Capitol Campus and downtown Olympia — East and South to North Street. This improvement is on the Federal Aid Route which will eventually run from Boston Harbor, on the North to the Olympia Airport on the South, via East Bay Drive-Plum Street - Henderson Boulevard and the Gleason Road.

There is an urgent need for an additional arterial connection from the downtown area to the South-East area of the City and specifically to the new High School area. The extension of Henderson Boulevard — as proposed — will make the High School and future school components more accessible from all parts of the City and the surrounding areas.

| | |
|--|--------------|
| TOTAL ESTIMATED COST | \$430,00000 |
| Less—Federal Aid, arterial funds, L.I.D. funds | 330,000.00 |
| Our participation by G.O. Bond issue | \$100,000.00 |

NO INCREASE IN PRESENT TAX LEVIES!

Proposition No. 2 ¹ New City Administration Site and Building with Provisions for Future Expansion



ABOVE IS AN ARTISTS CONCEPTION FOR THE PROPOSED NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The present City Hall was built in 1912 for use as a fire barn. It was adequate for the horses and the pumpers of those days but it is completely inadequate for the many additional functions that have since been crowded into it.

Present police department housing fails to measure up to minimal standards of space requirements for normal operations and confinement facilities. The New City Administration Building will include space for adequate police facilities.

It is proposed that sufficient land be acquired to provide for a complete civic center including adequate parking and with sufficient area for the development of such future additions as the City may need.

The central fire department station will remain at its present location. There it is most accessible to the arterial routes which serve the entire City and is near our industrial areas which present the greatest fire hazards.

It has been recommended that the new City Administration and Police facilities be located in the vicinity of Union Avenue and Plum Street. The exact location in this area would depend upon property acquisition costs. No definite site can be designated until the voters have approved this proposition.

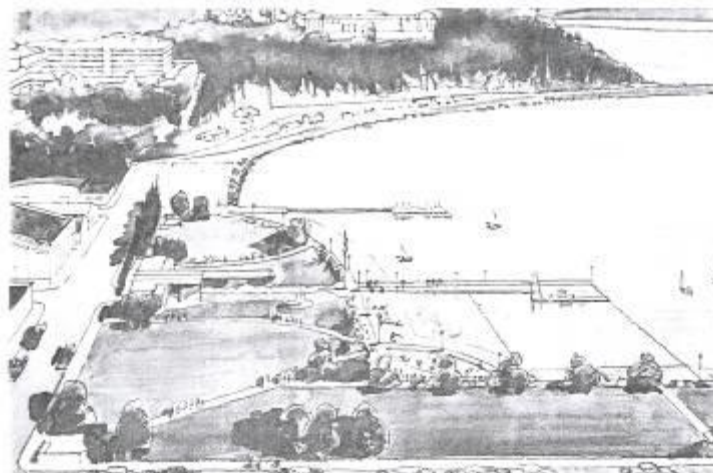
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST – land and buildings – \$850,000.00

Our Participation by G. O. Bond Issue – – \$850,000.00

EACH PROPOSITION WILL BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY

NO INCREASE IN PRESENT TAX LEVIES!

Proposition No. 3 ¹ Development of Park & Swim Facilities at the Northeast Corner of Capitol Lake



ABOVE IS AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE PROPOSED PARK AND SWIM FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED ON CAPITOL LAKE

Capitol Lake offers the people of Olympia an unparalleled opportunity to develop an outdoor swimming facility of the first magnitude. The proposed land acquisition and installation can be the beginning of the beautification of the entire lake area.

The contemplated improvement includes the construction of a bath house, outdoor swimming area, and the development of a park area in this vicinity.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$250,000.00

Our Participation by G. O. Bond Issue – – \$250,000.00

EACH PROPOSITION WILL BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY

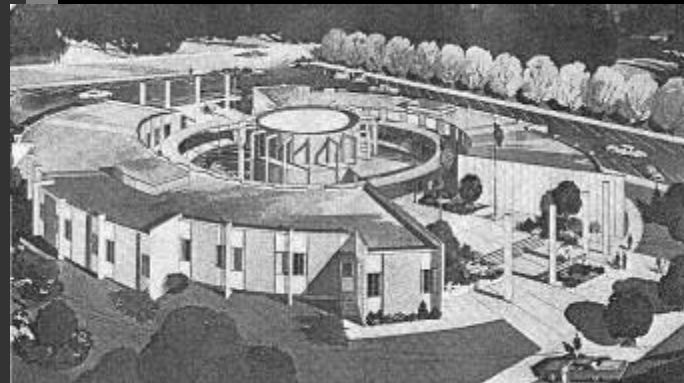
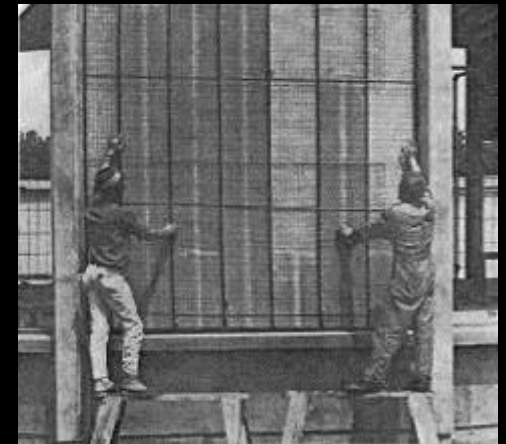
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Olympia City Hall

Built: 1966



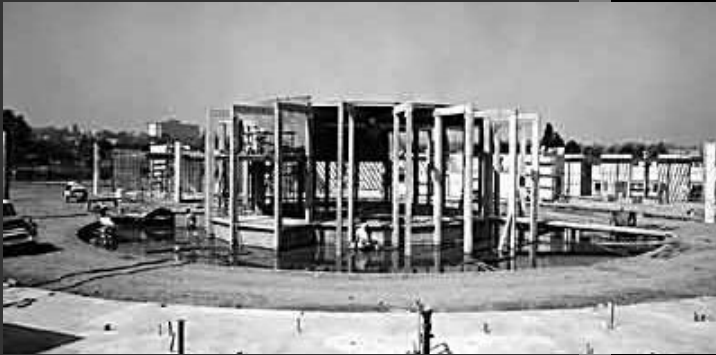
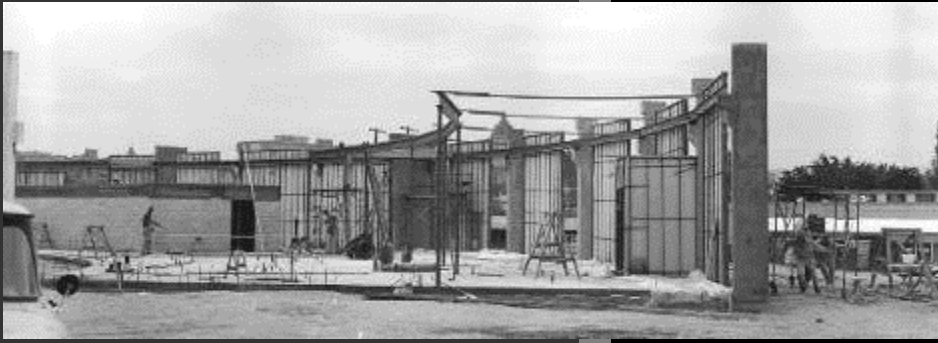
Architect: Robert H.
Wohleb & Assoc.
Contractor:
Andy Johnson



900 Plum St SE

Olympia City Hall

Built: 1966



From left, Ray Beetle, Robert Wohleb, Irv Flotree and unidentified man review plans or the new city hall

Capitol Lake Restrooms

Built: 1963



Architect:
George Ekvall

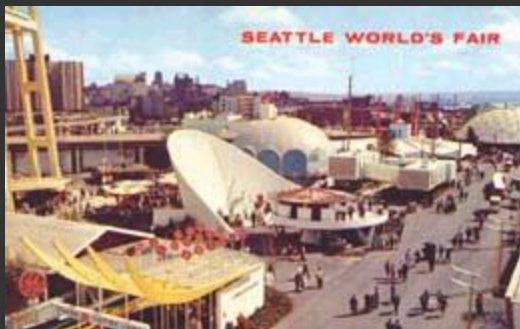
Contractor:
Unknown



Intersection of Water St &
Legion Way

CENTURY 21 EXPO AND FAIR ARCHITECTURE

Seattle World's Fair 1962



Capitol Savings & Loan

Built: 1963

Architect: Sibid & Nesland
Contractor: Andy Johnson

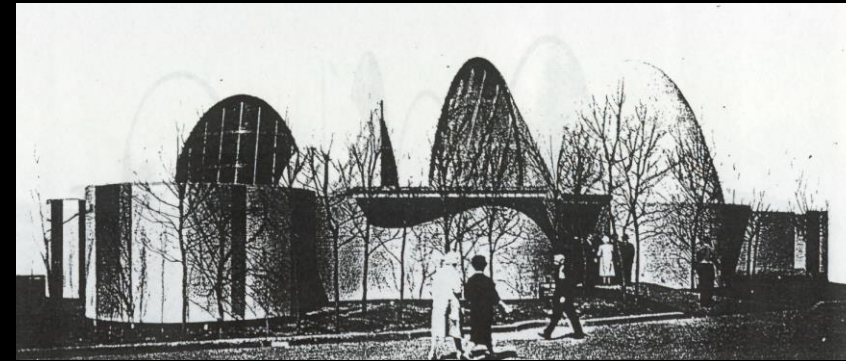


222 E 5th Ave

Plywood Home of Living Light


Built: 1962

Architect: Liddle & Jones
Landscape Architect: Richard Haag





54 **RESTAURANTS**
Olympia's Fabulous Waterfront Restaurant

Jacaranda
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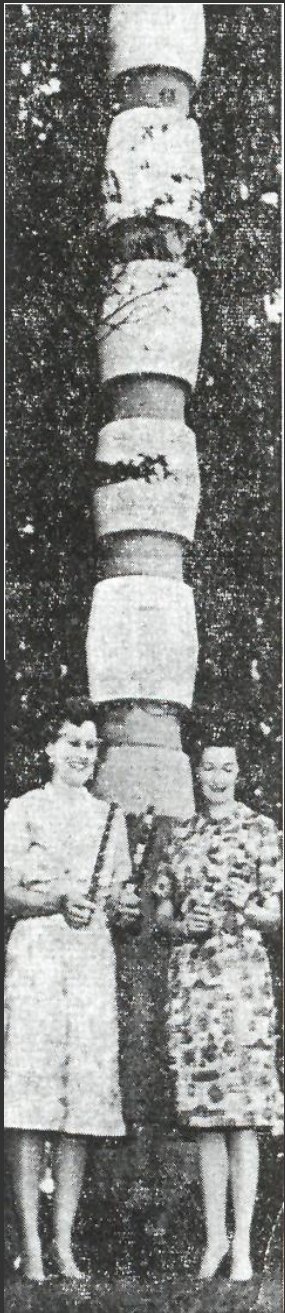
1525 N Washington St

1962 Seattle World's Fair

Space Age Totem Poles



Architect: Fred Bassetti



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- Sept 15, 1966

ed Architect, Portsman Drowns

Daily Olympian

Serving Southern Puget Sound
Olympia, Washington, Thursday, September 15, 1966 Ten Cents

ool Board Seeks ble Sized Budget

n construction of two new junior d high schools, one elementary school, an eight-room addition to s. Brown Elementary School and improvements and additions to other sites. The bond issue itself would be for \$2,603,381. To this would be added \$683,370 in state matching funds, and \$22,829 from Griffin School District as its share of financing for the new junior high schools. This would add up to a total of \$3,312,500 for the construction projects. One of the new junior high schools would replace Washington School. The other would reduce student population at Jefferson School. The two suggested junior high schools would accommodate a total of 2,330-400 to construct. One would be located on an 18-acre site the district now owns, between Boulevard and Cain Roads, and about one-half mile east of the

G11 Make A Splash

By Howard Benedict

...suffering from them, though they are more numerous than I suspect previous er, still to t in the... only mark, able for ue

FOULED ANCHOR LINE CAUSES TRAGIC DEATH OF ROBERT H. WOHLER

Robert H. Wohleb, prominent Olympia architect and member of the Port of Olympia Commission, drowned Wednesday in a freak boating accident off the north end of Hartstene Island. Wohleb, 59, was dragged overboard from his boat and under the water when the anchor line wrapped around his ankle as he was paying it out over the bow. He had been skipping his boat, the 40-foot, twin-screw cruiser Discovery, during the annual excursion for Fort Lewis Army officers sponsored by the Olympia Area Chamber of Commerce. Witnesses said the boat, one of a Chamber of Commerce flotilla of 19 or 12 craft, had left Jarrell Cove State Park heading north around the island to let the Army officers dig clams. The boat had approached the shore about three-fifteen o'clock when the anchor line wrapped around his ankle as he was paying it out over the bow. "I suddenly saw Bob swimming in front of the boat," said Newton C. Bader, Olympia insurance man, who was in the cabin. "I didn't realize he had been tangled in the anchor line." Bader and the other Olympia passengers on the boat gave statements to the Olympia Police Department, at the request of Mason County Prosecutor and Coroner Byron McClanahan. The five Army officers aboard also were preparing statements Thurs-



ROBERT H. WOHLER
Lost - A Public And Private Life Of Note

Boat Mishap Kills Port Official

SHELTON (AP) — Architect Robert H. Wohleb, a member of the Olympia Port Commission, died Wednesday when his foot became entangled in the anchor line of his yacht and he was pulled overboard.

The accident occurred off the north end of Hartstene Island as Wohleb was participating in the annual Olympia Chamber of Commerce outing for servicemen.

He was dropping the anchor from the yacht, the Discovery, while a strong current was running. He was pulled back on board after several minutes in the water, and artificial respiration was applied.

...the... an examination of the boat... that Wohleb had been letting... to set its flukes by backing... around his ankle and foot and... culprit, a chrome rail about three... was parted and screws holding... pulled loose... Wohleb yelled something while... what it was they were not sure... something like "slack off". Another... "get me untangled."... lieutenant Colonel William E. O'Dono... of the fort, said Wohleb was on... before the current and the anchor... those aboard realized what had... until Wohleb was to the right of... rent was reported running at the... ning man were hampered by the... apparently knew how to operate... eral life preservers were thrown... each Dem... familiar with the operation of... Page 2, Column 1)

Mishap Claims Architect

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Foreign Aid Cut Called For

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- Sept 14, 1966

Tri City Herald

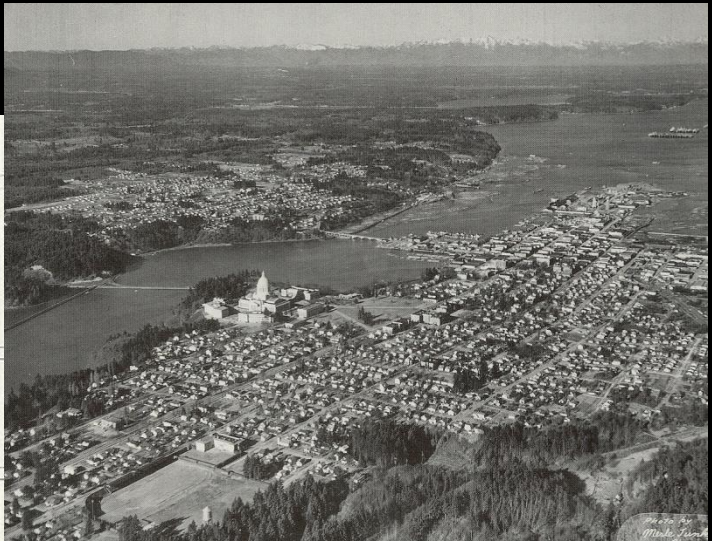
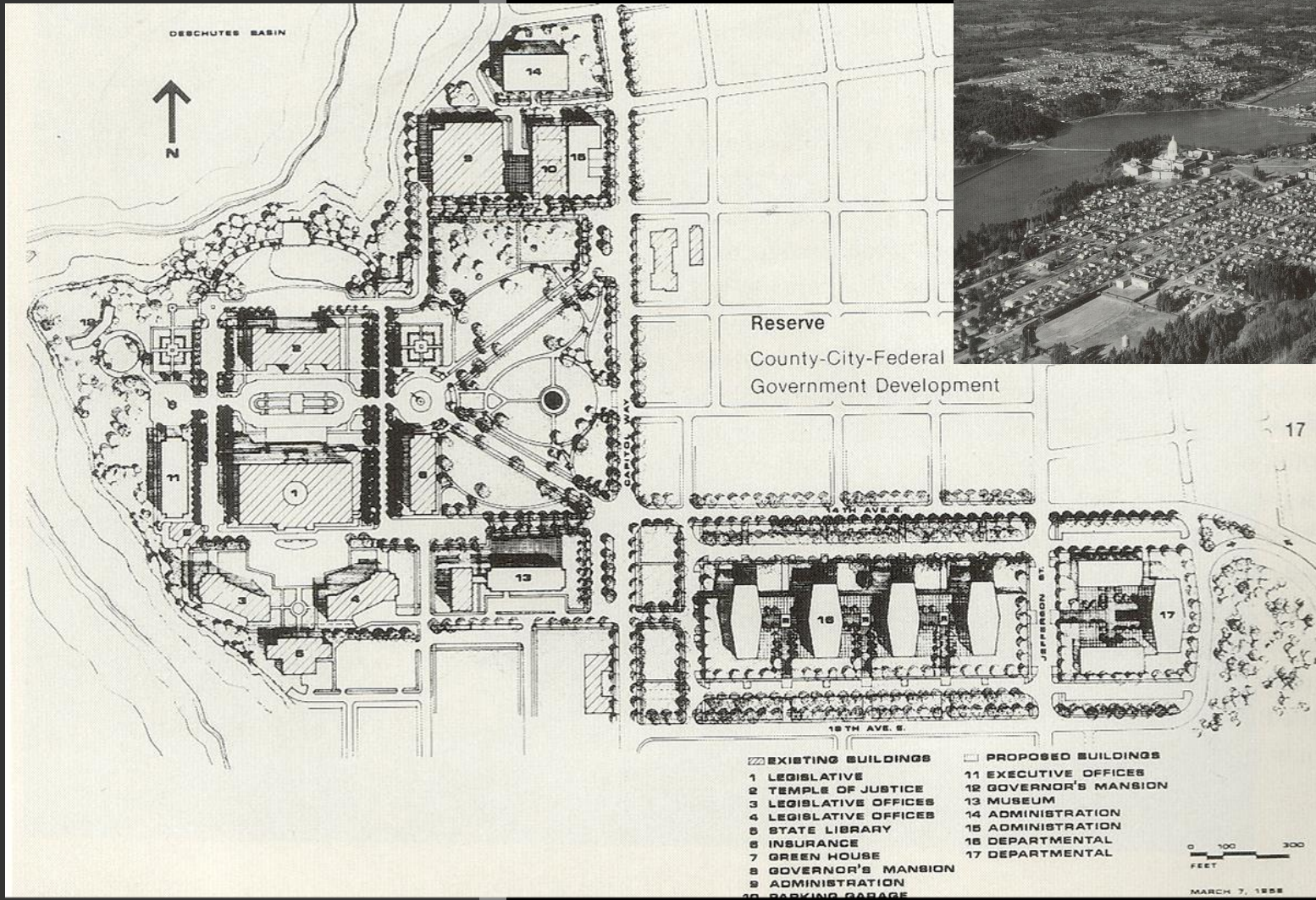




Circa 1958 - Capitol Way & Legion Way looking North.

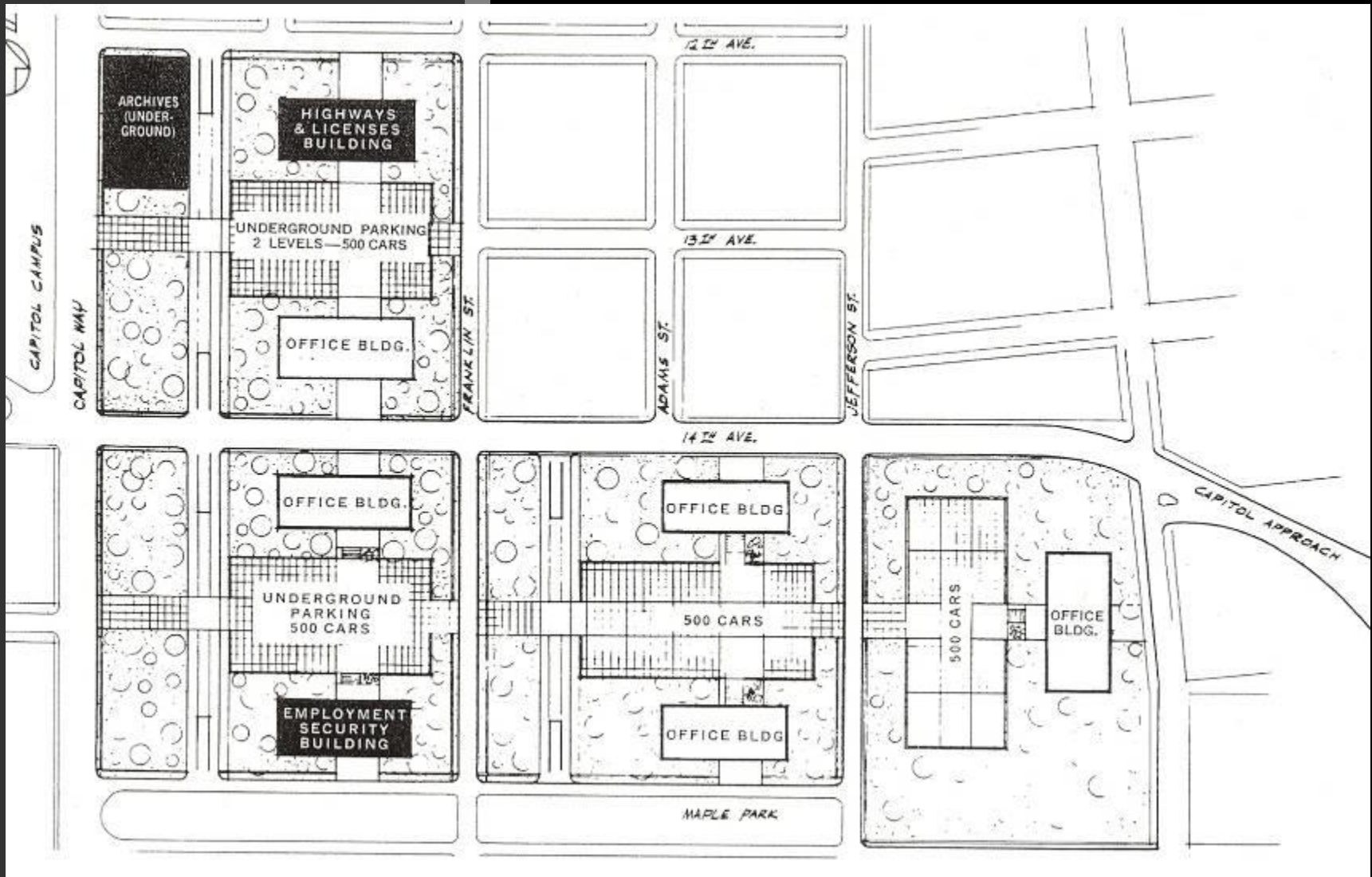
EAST CAPITOL CAMPUS

New Designs, New
Traditions



PROPOSED MASTER PLAN - 1958

Architect: Paul Thiry



PROPOSED MASTER PLAN - 1964

Architect: Harmon, Pray
& Detrich



Employment Security Building

Built: 1962

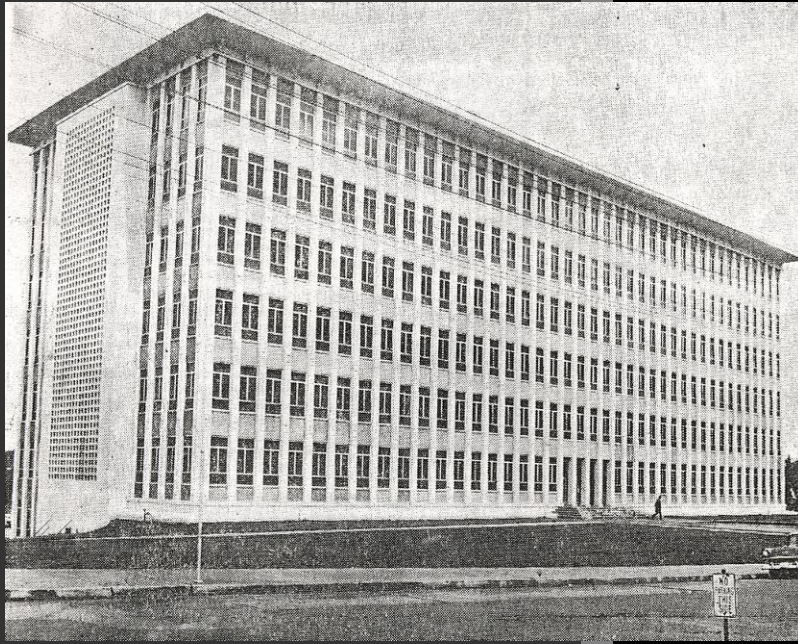
Architects: Harmon,
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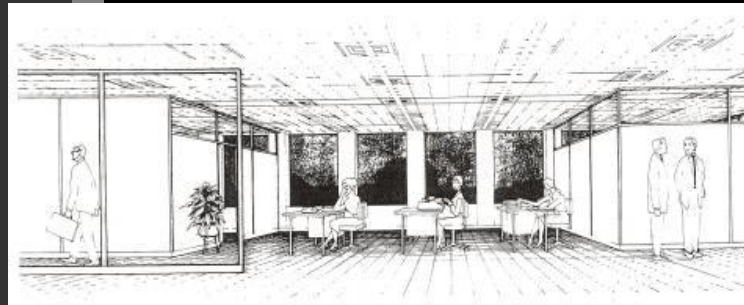
Highway & Licensing Building

Built: 1962



Architects: Harmon, Pray & Detrich

1125 Washington St



Highways Headquarters Easing Into New Office



Heavy Warehouse Deck Now Tearing Highway's Offices Building



Employee Takes Sip In Crowded Hallway Of Building

The East Side of Capitol Hill is becoming more and more crowded as the various branches of state government, adding to the growth in the various state of revenues and employees from the Central transportation facilities, are being moved to the Department of Highways.

When December 14, 1962, the Highway Department's employees have moved into the new seven-story Highway - Licensing Building on the East Front Hill, Kansas City will gain the new office which should be finished within the first week of January.

The Department of Highways will occupy the first, second, and third floors of the new building. The State Highway Department, which is being moved to the new building, is expected to begin moving in January, and will use the remainder of the winter space in the existing building.

Bill Wall, supervisor of the State Department's maintenance and contracting division, is coordinating the move of Department employees to the new building. He is also responsible for the move of the Highway Department's employees to the new building.

State Archives Building

Built: 1963



1129 Washington St

BRUTALISM



Unite d' Habitation

Le Corbusier, Marseilles,
France, 1946-52

Boston City Hall
Kallmann, McKinnell
and Knowles, Boston,
1963-68



U.S. Mint Philadelphia, c.1968



Third Church of Christ Scientist
I.M. Pei, Washington DC, 1971



Christ Episcopal Church
Paul Thiry, Tacoma, 1970



Prosser Public Library Doudna & Williams, Prosser 1972



Psychology Building CWU
Grant, Copeland, Chervenak, Ellensburg, 1972



Bank of California Annex
John Graham & Assoc.,
Tacoma, 1964



**Pence Student Union
Building EWU**
Brooks, Hensley, Creager,
Cheney, 1971

State Parking Garages

Built: 1958, 1972



Union Ave &
Columbia St.



Washington Mutual Bank
Bennett & Johnson, 1968



Water Garden
Lawrence Halprin, 1972



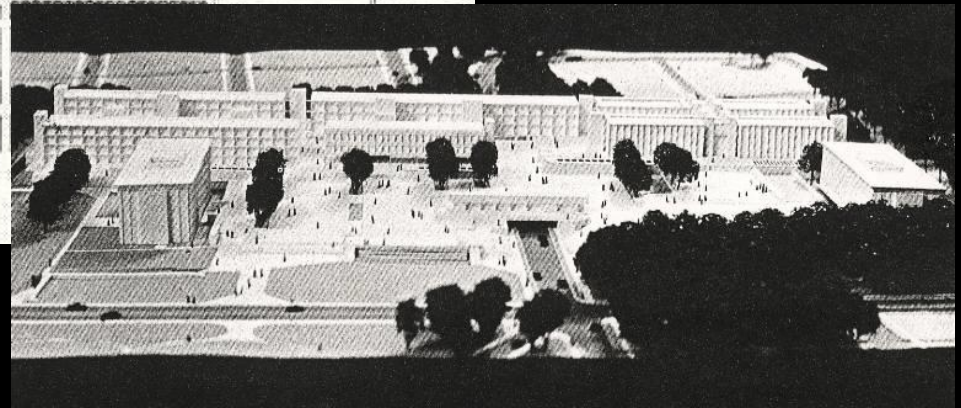
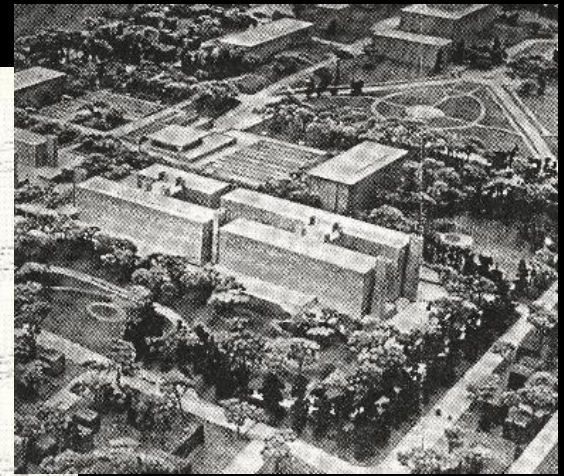
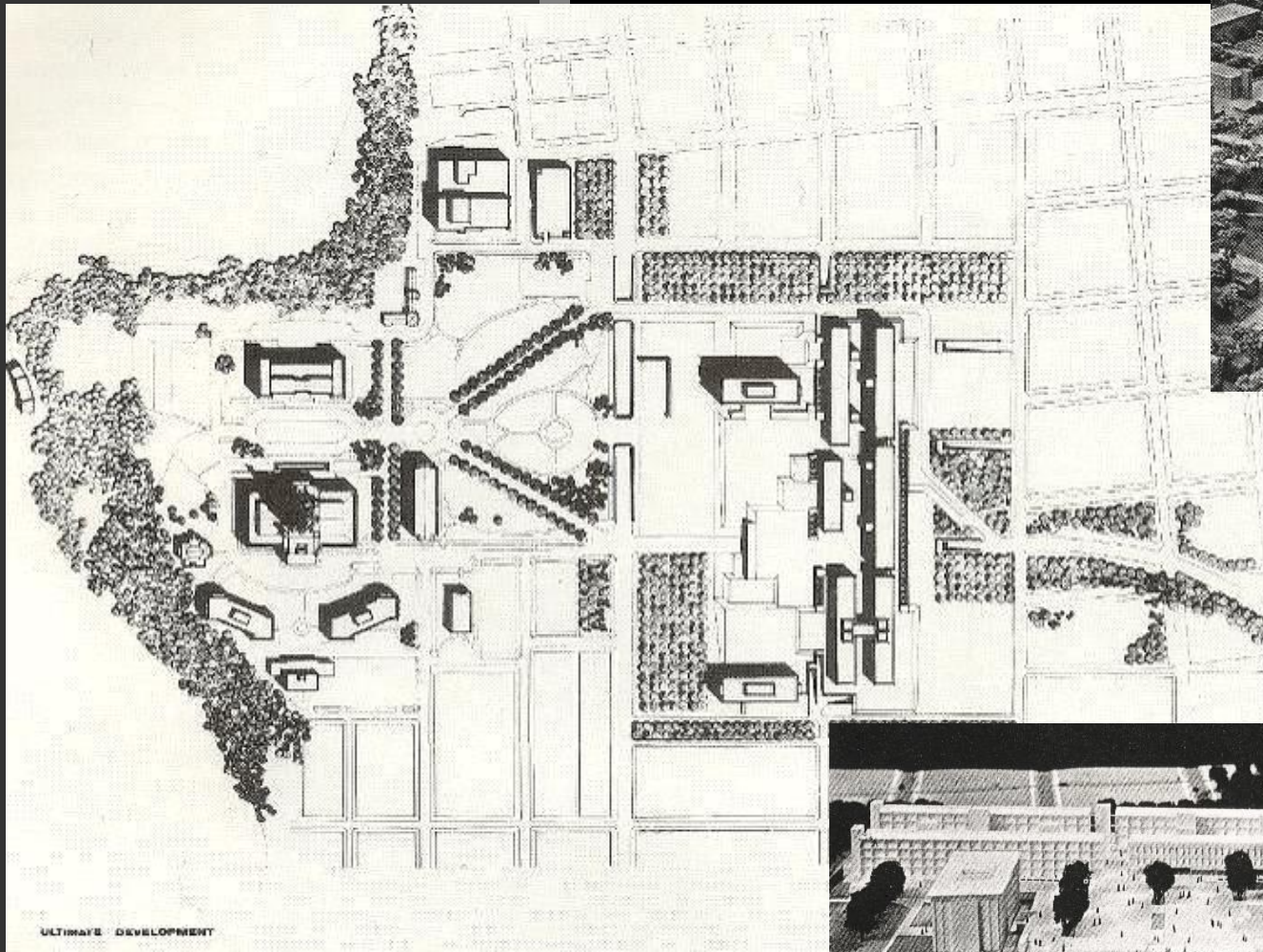
Bank of Olympia Building
BJSS, c.1972

The Evergreen State College

Built: 1971-73



Architects: NBBJ; BJSS;
R.B. Price; Bumgardner
Partnership; Harris, Reed
& Litzenberger; Durham,
Anderson & Freed



PROPOSED MASTER PLAN - 1970

Architects: Walker,
McGough, Foltz

Highway Administration Building

Built: 1970



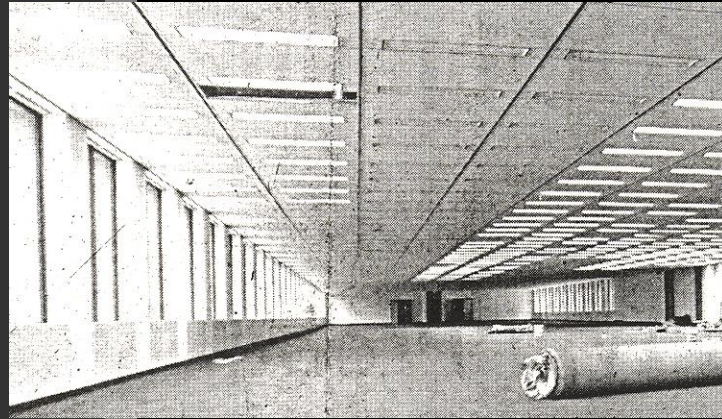
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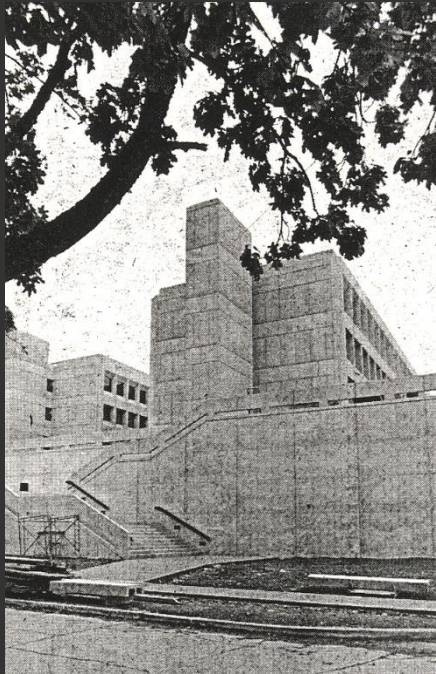
310 Maple Park Ave

Dept. of Social & Health Services Bldg

Built: 1975



Architects:
The Richardson
Associates



310 Maple Park Ave



Circa 1968 - Capitol Way & Legion Way looking North.

RESIDENTIAL DESIGNS

Forest Hills



Westwood





Rogers Street





Norman & Isabelle Benner House

Built: 1959



Architect:
G. Stacey Bennett
Contractor:
Clyde Abermon

512 Sherman



Jacob Duplex

Built: 1959

Architect:
Unknown
Contractor:
John
Alegrader



1310 – 1316 Conger Ave

Glen Sloan House

Built: 1960



Architect:
Unknown
Contractor:
Unknown



2150 Edgewood Circle

Irving Flotree House

Built: 1965



3216 French Lane

Architect: Irv Flotree
Contractor:
Unknown



John Clark House

Built: 1966

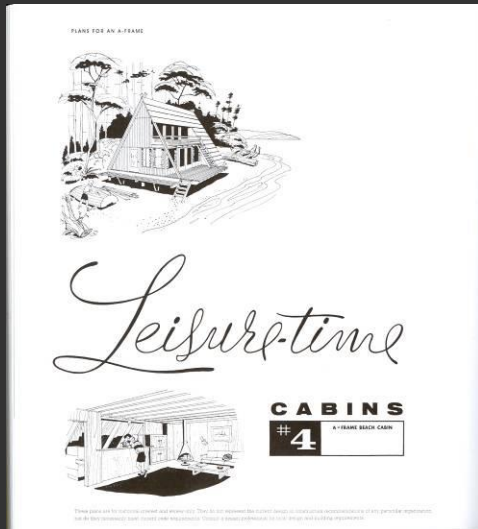
Architect: Irv Flotree
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3208 French Lane

Dr. Hellyer Cabin

Built: 1958

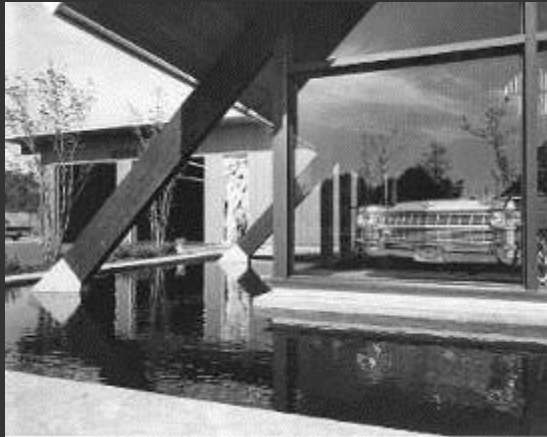


Henderson Inlet



Dick Lewis Pontiac- Cadillac Dealership

Built: 1964



Architect:
Bennett & Johnson

1100 Plum St





Ernest & Anne LeVasseur House

Built: 1968

2903 Sherwood Drive



Raymond & Lois Johnson House

Built: 1969

1809 Forest Hill Drive

Berschauer Built Houses



John Berschauer House

Built: 1961

2606 Fir Street



House

Built: 1964

1929 Forest Hill Dr.



THREATS



Demolition

unawareness

APPATHY

Neglect



FIRE

Edward Duley House

Built: 1962



Oriental Accents Noted In Pooles' Bay View Home



POOLES TRAVEL HOME ON ROUTE SIX AS VIEWED FROM BAY SIDE

ANGULAR DECK IS POPULAR SPOT ON BALMY SUMMER DAYS
Overhang Protects Windows, Partially Covers Deck

The Sunday Olympian
Women's News Section
January 25, 1966

3220 French Lane

Architect: G. Stacey Bennett



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of the owner.

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The Main Street of Tomorrow: 1930 to 1970

Michael Houser
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Mid-Century Modern Olympia Funny, the highs & lows of a modernist... Great home tour this weekend than today the Olympian coverage of the new city hall (built where the Safeway building was and part of our MACMO list) and the comments it brought out, many of which were to the ugliness of the new building and comparing it to the State GA building...

City Hall takes shape - the Olympian
www.theolympian.com
Draft workers began that once were a part of the error in the 400 block of Fourth Street



31 - Sunset Life Insurance Co. Headquarters
200 Capitol Blvd
Architect: Wohlschlag & Mohle, 1956
Reflecting a desire by many companies to move to suburban areas during the 1950s and 60s, the Sunset Life Insurance Company took advantage of a prime building lot just on the outskirts of the city limits to build a small corporate campus in 1956. The building, a series of connected boxes, utilized a low cost building system of exterior curtain walls which are highlighted by pink and grey spandrel panels. The building served as home to Sunset Life until 1989 when it was sold to the state.



32 - Dick Lewis Pontiac-Cadillac Dealership
1100 Plum St
Architect: Bennett & Johnson, 1964
This unusual A-Frame style commercial building was constructed in 1964 to house the Dick Lewis Pontiac-Cadillac Dealership. Notable for its naturalistic landscaping complete with a water feature, the dealership was a far cry from the stark car lots normally seen in downtown core areas. It was one of the early dealerships that left downtown for the community's edge with the idea that a softer building, coupled with heavily landscaped surroundings, would present a more soothing atmosphere in which to view and sell cars.



33 - Washington State Employees Credit Union
922 Union Ave SE
Architect: Bennett & Johnson, 1968
Reminiscent of the work of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian houses of the 1950s, the Washington State Employees Credit Union Building presented a different approach to bank architecture in Olympia in 1968. Like many Wright structures, the building looked inward. Patrons originally approached the bank via a series of covered floating walkways (now partially enclosed). Once inside, they were welcomed by a light filled atrium.



34 - Olympia City Hall
900 Plum St SE
Architect: Robert H. Wohlschlag, 1966
Touted nationwide as a model of good design, architectural innovation and space planning, the "O" shaped city hall building utilized prefabricated open-web steel studs oriented with Styrofoam panels and then covered with Macbricrete for the exterior walls. Designed for future expansion, the building was part of Olympia's "Committee of the 60s" effort to improve the infrastructure of the city. It originally featured a moat in the inner courtyard surrounding the council chambers. The building was one of the last projects by Olympia architect Robert Wohlschlag who died tragically in a boating accident a few months before the building was completed.

Mid-Century Modern Olympia OPEN DOORS HOME TOUR

A tour of mid-century homes
10 am - 4 pm, Saturday, May 8, 2010



Mid-Twentieth Century Modern Olympia

1 - Berschauer House
2606 Fir St. SE

1961 split level 3400 sq foot five bedroom home built by John Berschauer as his own house. They lived there 1961-1974. Many original features with updates that maintain the character of the house. The kitchen cabinets, wood paneling and light fixtures in the living room are original. There is a large centrally located fireplace that adds drama to the living area.



2 - Adams House
1929 Forest Hill Drive SE

1964 three-bedroom, three-bath ranch built by the Berschauer Construction company in the Forest Hills subdivision. Although Berschauer Construction built many homes in and around the Olympia area during the post-World War II housing boom, it is these modern Eichler cousins that people mean when they mention having a "Berschauer" home. The home has had a few improvements done without a vision for unifying the space, but mostly the home is untouched and retains many characteristic features.



This tour was researched and organized by Scott Aremam, Scott Aremam Photography, with assistance from Katie Cox, Studio 124. Design by Jami Heinricher, The Showroom Press.



3 - Driverson House
2300 Ots St. SE
1956 built 1250 sq ft. three bedroom ranch style house. Property was once part of an original estate. The original 1920's home is behind this house. Features include a tongue and groove cedar cathedral ceiling, torch down roof, carport and garage.



4 - Zabel House
2432 Bethel St NE
1956 built brick ranch house. This house, which was owned by Art and Peggy Zabel included a total of 4 acres (3 now permanently protected) and was planted as a show garden full of Rhododendron and Azalea. It has many of the attributes that typify a ranch style house. Wide open, especially those off the back patio that extend 10 feet from the exterior wall edge were a common style of ranch homes. It also features large windows that allow nature to be brought into the house, along with sliding doors that access the patio. The ranch style embraced the open plan, as does the Zabel House, with the anchor for the open space being a fireplace wall.

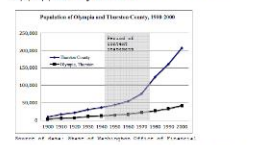
5 - Manning House
604 Cushing St SW



1956 built 1350 sq ft. ranch house on Olympia's westside. The house has been remodeled and updated keeping with the style of the period. Features two bedrooms, combat cedar siding, open floor plan to a patio and large backyard. The house has been remodeled with vaulted ceilings and several skylights because of the long overhangs and orientation on the lot. A covered porch was emboldened to add more living space and a new, larger concrete patio and lawn in the backyard were added. New wood floors were added to complement the original wood floors in the bedrooms.

SOCIAL CHANGE AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

After World War II, Olympia's population continued to grow through births, immigration, and assimilation. Between 1940 and 1970, Olympia's population grew from 11,124 to 23,276. The chart below shows the population of Olympia and Thurston County for each decade from 1950 to 2000. The chart shows a steady increase in Olympia's population during the decades.

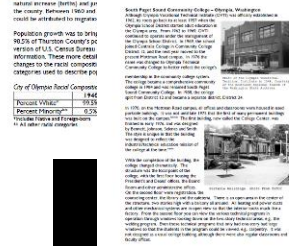


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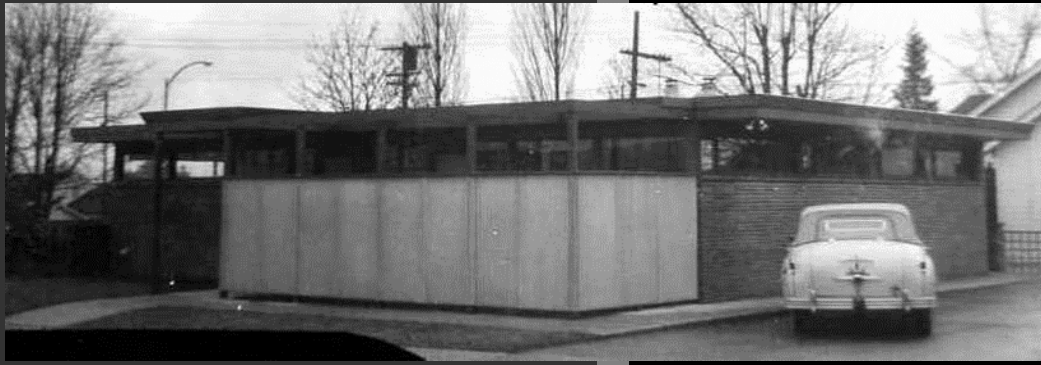
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