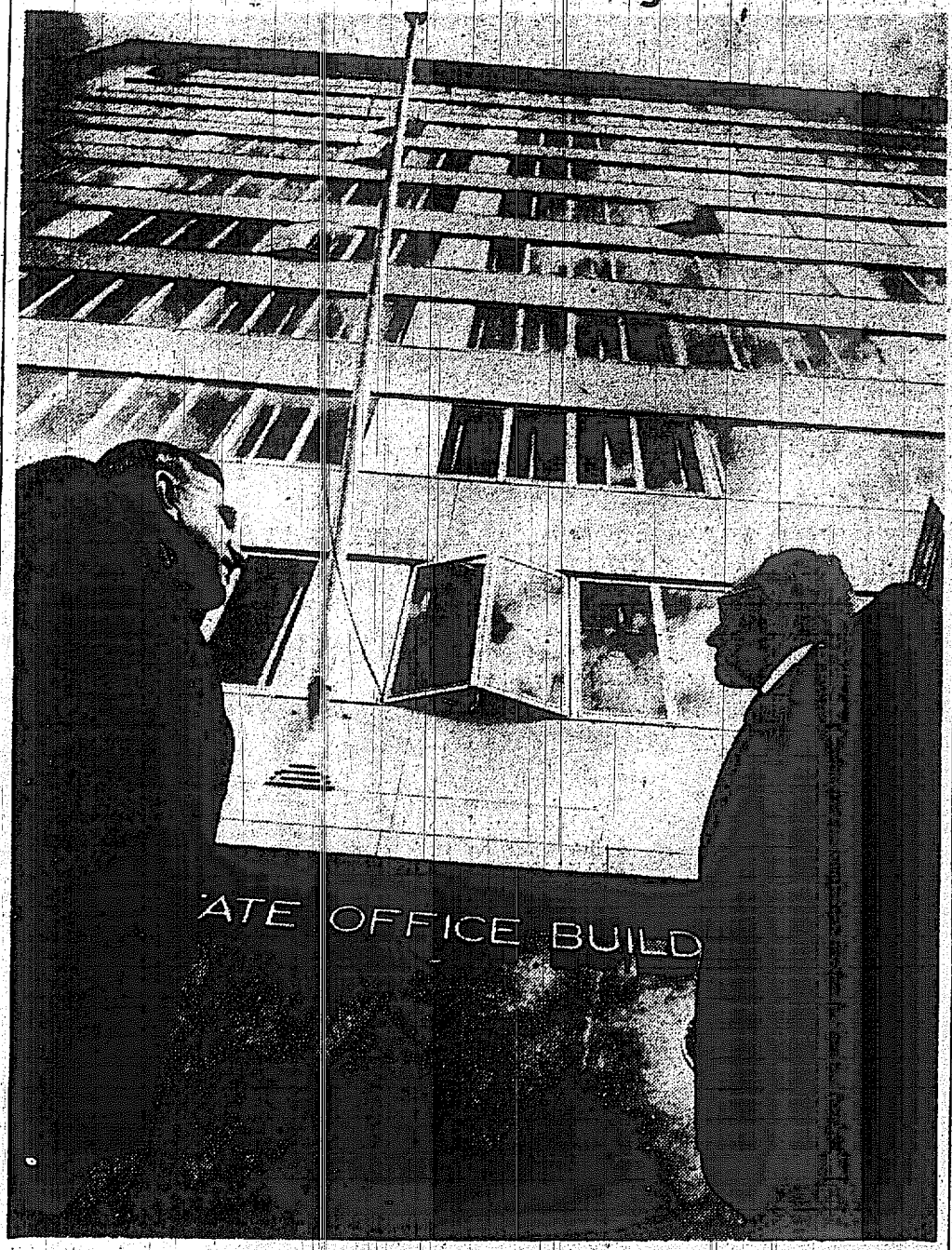
New State Office Building Dedicated



Governor Douglas McKay (left) and Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry stand before the new state office building in this sidewalk view of the $2,500,000 structure, which was made by Frank Sterrett, staff photographer, The Oregonian, shortly before it was dedicated Wednesday. McKay told dedication crowd building would pay for itself in rentals in 17 years.

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Governor Douglas McKay Wednesday placed a sealed copper box in the cornerstone of the new state office building at Portland to climax dedication ceremonies for the 11-story structure that will pull together 863 employes of 29 state departments and divisions now occupying rental quarters scattered over the city.

In his dedication address Governor McKay sketched the history of the building's construction to the crowd that braved the chill east wind for the ceremony at the intersection of S. W. 5th avenue and Columbia street.

The building was first authorized by the 1937 legislature, McKay said, but hard times and World War II accounted for the lapse of 14 years before its completion.

Fight Over Site Recalled

McKay said the building—between Jefferson and Clay streets—is close to both the Portland city hall and the Multnomah county courthouse.

Master of ceremonies for the dedication was Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, custodian of state buildings, who pointed out that this is the first large state of Oregon office building to be constructed outside the city of Salem.

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson had not returned from New York, where he went to sign state highway bonds, and did not participate in the ceremony.

The copper box placed in the cornerstone by Governor McKay held October 31 issues of The Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, an Oregon Blue Book, a map of the state, names of the building architect and contractors and distinguished guests at the dedication, along with a number of coins.

State Officials on Hand

Sparkling Array of Ta

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While young patients of the Shrine hospital for crippled children slept, a grand array of talent was on parade in the Mayfair theater for benefit of the humanitarian organization.

A capacity audience brought in approximately $5000 for the hospital's building and maintenance fund and filled the Mayfair to the last seat in the house. It was audience that standing profes professional tal

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John Rankin, tate, expressed all in a short curtain went up

Mel Blanc Emc

There were acts at frequent kept Mel Blan screen fame bu ceremonies.

Visiting stars ance were John leen Whelan, s by William Pir Thomas, film p choice of Holly dors met high the big audience

Payne sang the Street," "Ol and "Hello You "The King and gave a short bu talk on helpin children. She go it.

The Colstons, ter team with co es from Amato' proved one of th night. They twice before the of England. Th with their panc usual fun routin

Detroit Task At Milestone

They poured the 1,000,000th yard of concrete in Detroit dam Wednesday.

Ray Overholser, resident engineer at Detroit for the corps of engineers, telephoned that information to Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, district engineer.

The 1,000,000th yard, he said, went into block No. 11 at elevation 1460, which means it was about 250 feet above the bed of the North Santiam river.

About 400,000 additional yards are to be poured before the big concrete dam is completed, Overholser said. He estimated the last pouring will be in July, and that CBI (Consolidated Builders, Inc.) the general contractors, will complete their work about a year from now.

Cement Comes By Sea

Virtually all of the cement used in the 1,000,000 yards has come to Portland by steamer from California, and has been transported by railroad trains from the cement storage plant on Portland's east side waterfront to the dam site, 48 miles east of Salem.

At Portland, the engineers office opened bids Wednesday for six tainter spillway gates for Detroit dam. Willamette Iron & Steel company submitted the lowest of five bids, asking $517,959. Other bidders were Northwest Marine Iron Works, $568,313; Gunderson Brothers Engineering corporation, $583,338; Consolidated Western Steel corporation, San Francisco, $585,467; Pacific Coast Engineering company, Alameda, Cal., $638,300.

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