

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oregon	
COUNTY: Deschutes	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Pilot Butte Inn

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1121 Wall Street Oregon Second Congressional District

CITY OR TOWN:
Bend Representative Al Ullman

STATE: Oregon CODE: 41 COUNTY: Deschutes CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Not at present
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Feasibility study for adaptive use in progress

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Ray Smith

STREET AND NUMBER:
1713 Tulip Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
McAllen STATE: Texas CODE: 48

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Deschutes County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bend STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Parks and Recreation Section

STREET AND NUMBER:
Oregon State Highway Division

CITY OR TOWN:
Salem STATE: Oregon CODE: 41

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1917, Philip R. Brooks, Canadian-based financier, commissioned architect John Tourtellotte to design a resort hotel in Bend that would be evocative of an alpine vacation land. Tourtellotte designed the building in the manner of a Swiss "chalet" and capitalized on a spectacular view of the Cascade Mountain Range rising above the high lava plain to the west. He created atmosphere by landscaping grounds on the view side with a rock garden containing over five hundred imported alpine plants.

Originally the Pilot Butte Inn was rectangular, but later additions changed its plan to an L shape with 80,000 square feet of floor space. The ground storey of the three-storey structure is of native lava rock, and siding of the upper two storeys is of vertical pine planks. The Inn has gable roofs with over-hanging eaves covered with red-painted tin shingles. In the original block, elongated brick flues have corbelled bandings, or striations. Fenestration is regular, with double-hung sash windows with six lights over one lighting the upper two storeys. Installed in the west end of the south, or main block was a plate glass window of dimensions unusual enough to have been boasted about by the early management. Finished in France, the window measured 6 1/2 by 16 feet. It gave patrons of the restaurant a fitting view of five Cascade Mountain peaks.

In 1925, the north wing containing thirty-six rooms was added along Wall Street, and the lobby and business office were enlarged. The ground storey of the new wing was stucco with masonry trim. Fenestration was varied, consisting of casement windows and smaller openings. A second addition of fifty rooms was built in 1930 at the northern extremity, and in 1935 a 177 by 40-foot addition to the kitchen was constructed and new equipment installed.

Today, the Inn is intact but somewhat deteriorated. The interior has been altered on several occasions, and oil paintings, massive rustic furniture and metal fixtures have been sold to pay back taxes. A central feature of the lobby is a massive chimney peice of lava rock.

Rising operational costs and property taxes, and increased competition from a burgeoning motel trade contributed to closure of the Inn in 1965. Following several inconclusive attempts to remake of the Inn a going concern, local citizens and supporters from other parts of the state have mounted a systematic effort to bring the building to the point of meeting code requirements and adapt it for suitable new uses.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1917; later additions 1925 and 1930

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Recreation</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pilot Butte Inn, constructed in 1917 in the heart of Bend, eastern gateway to the Cascade Mountains, is a significant landmark to many Oregonians. It is the work of Northwest architect John Tourtellotte, and it has long been the best-known recreational, social and convention facility in Central Oregon.

John Tourtellotte (1869-1939), working through his architectural offices in Portland and in Boise, Idaho, had a prodigious output. He handled some of the important commissions of the turn-of-the-century in the Pacific Northwest. Among his works in Idaho are the administration building at the University of Idaho in Moscow; the Catholic Cathedral, Idaho State Penitentiary, and the Idaho State Capitol in Boise. In Oregon he designed Eaton Hall at Willamette University in Salem; the Astoria Hotel, Astoria; the North Bend Hotel, North Bend; and the Pendleton Hotel in Pendleton. He also designed the Washington Hotel in Pullman, Washington; the Evergreen Hotel in Vancouver, Washington; and the Yreka Inn in Yreka, California. Tourtellotte was a progenitor of the notable architectural firm of Wolf, Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca and Ritter presently working in Portland.

The Inn was designed at the behest of an Englishman residing in Vancouver, British Columbia. Philip R. Brooks, the original owner of the Inn, was one of many out-of-state individuals and companies to invest in Bend upon completion from transcontinental lines in 1911 of the 142-mile Oregon Trunk Railroad controlled by James Hill and Edward Henry Harriman. Bend's new accessibility and rapid population growth from 500 in 1911 to 5,200 in 1916 created a need for a good hotel which would accommodate the visiting railroad officials, irrigation engineers, cattle and sheep barons, lumber and timber buyers, and an increasing tourist trade.

The Inn's 150 sleeping rooms with seven-foot bathtubs in almost every room; two large dining rooms, ball room, music room, billiard and card room, barber shop, and wine cellar attracted a wide variety of persons, ranging from conventioners to British Cavalry horse buyers. One notable convention at the Inn was the Oregon Woolgrowers Association convention in 1918 during which sheep were auctioned in the ornate Blue Room. The proceeds from the sale went to the American Red Cross for the benefit of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Famous personalities and dignitaries, including humorist and author Irvin S. Cobb, author and illustrator Stewart Edward White; Eleanor Roosevelt, and former President Herbert Hoover; and actors and entertainers, including Nelson Eddy, Victor Mature, Ray Milland, and Marlene Dietrich, stayed at the Inn. Harold E. Stassen and Thomas Dewey addressed crowds (don't

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PILOT BUTTE INN

2. Location

SW 1/4 NE 1/4 sec. 32, T. 17 S., R. 12 E., of the Willamette Meridian,
in Deschutes County, Oregon

Lot 3, Block 1, Plat of Bend.

8. Significance (Continued)

gathered at the Inn during their 1948 campaign swings through Oregon. Pilot Butte Inn personified Bend and Central Oregon to these and others who made the Inn their headquarters when they visited the area.

An unusual group to live at the Inn was a detachment of U. S. Army Corps of Engineers who, in 1942, built Camp Abbot, which is located twenty miles outside of Bend. The unit constructed in five months the engineer replacement training center, which at the height of its activity was comparable in size to the city of Bend. The Army used the camp for approximately one year and then abandoned it, leaving only a maintenance crew for the duration of the War.

Pilot Butte Inn remained the focal point for community affairs until it encountered financial problems and closed in 1965, at a time when a major condominium resort development was begun south of Bend. Even today, no other single building in the region equals the space afforded by the Inn, and the Inn's generous facades define an important public space.

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 Southwell, James, "Owner Still Optimistic about Hotel-Landmark," The Oregonian (Portland), (March 17, 1970), 11.
 Corning, Howard McKinley, ed., Dictionary of Oregon History (Portland: Binforde and Mort, 1956), 26, 187.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	0 . "	0 . "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.61 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paul Hartwig, Assistant Park Historian
 (Description and Significance based on material prepared by Keith Clark - see bibliog. June 1972)
 ORGANIZATION: Oregon State Highway Division
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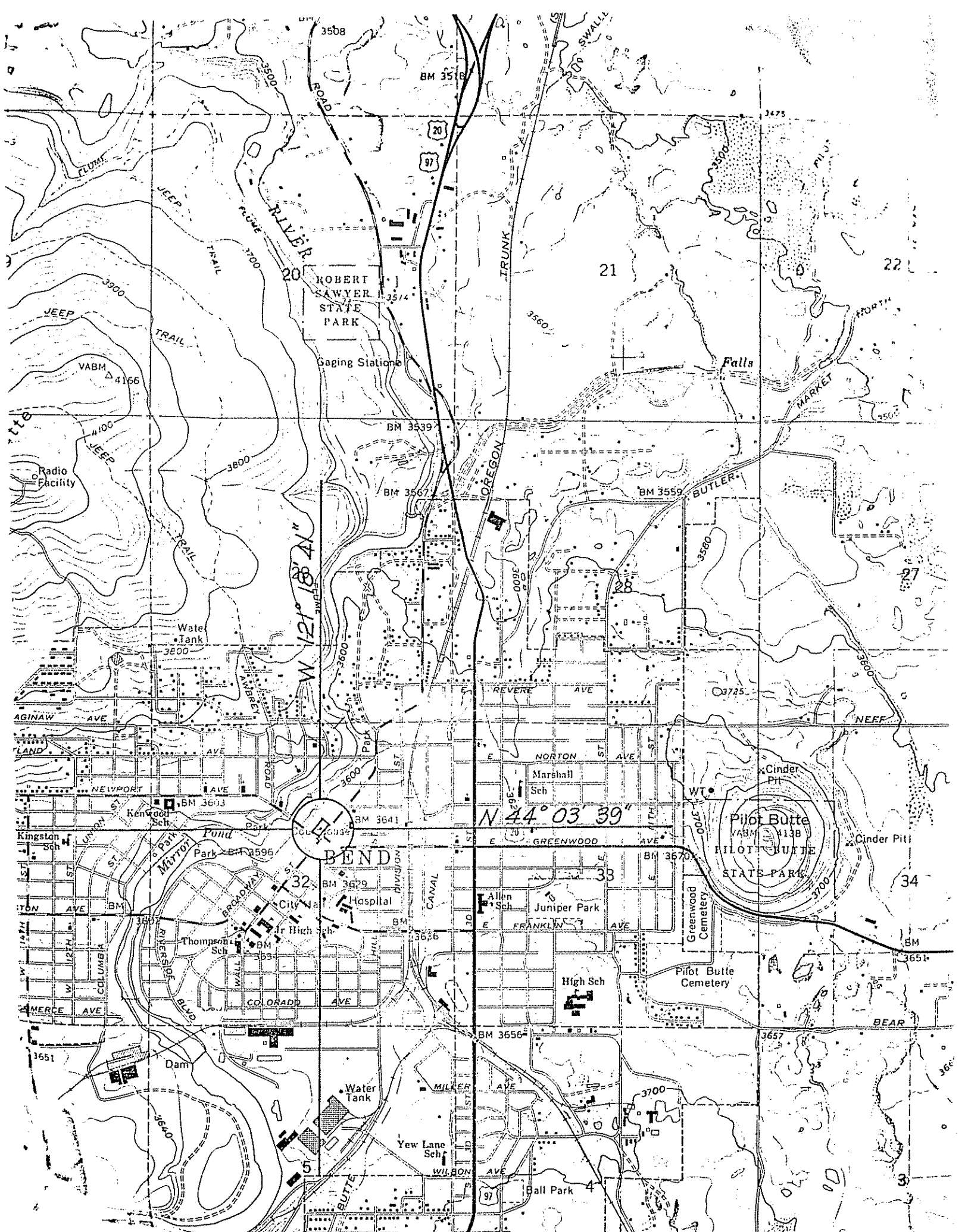
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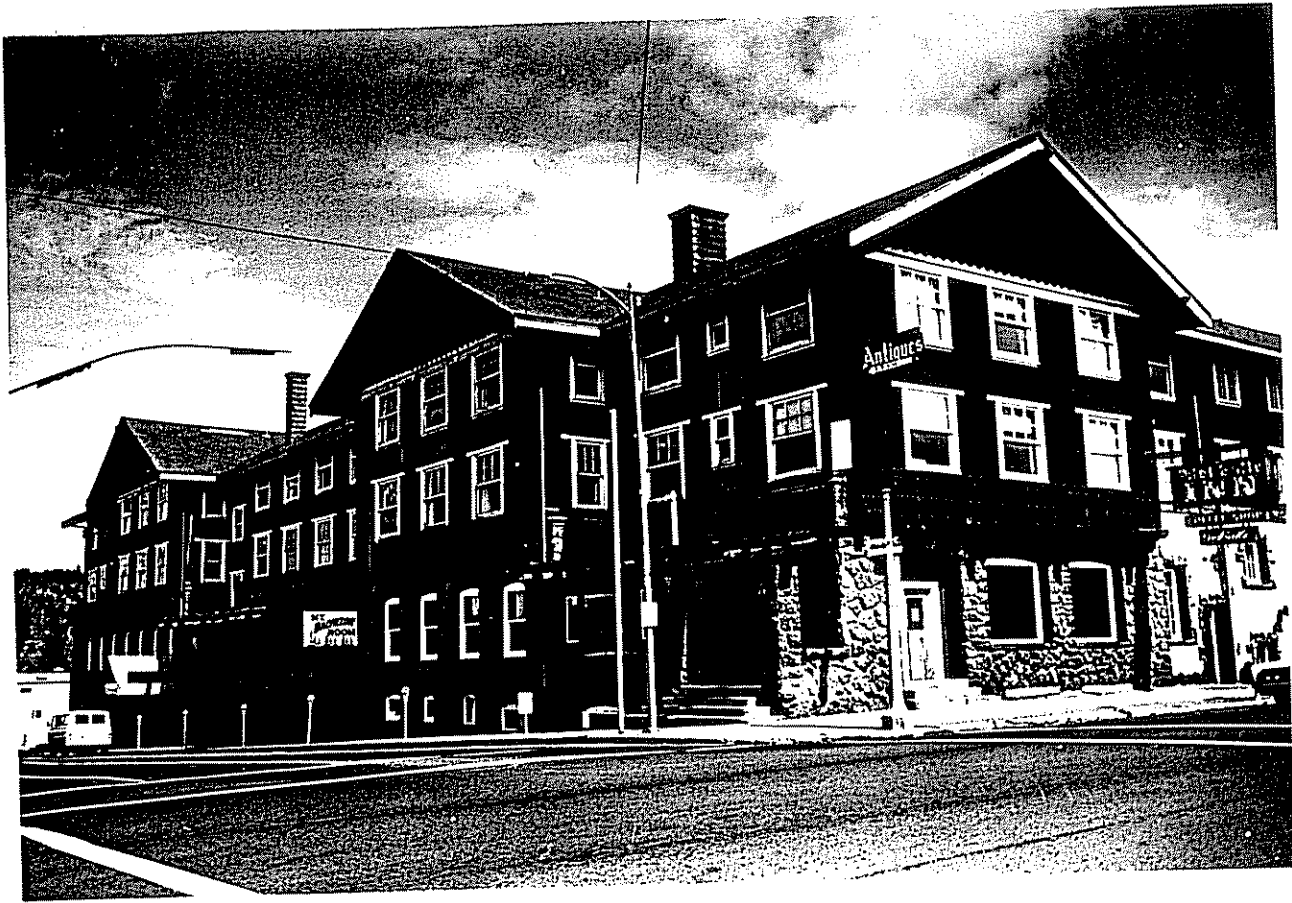
As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
 National State Local

Name: *George M. Saldern*
 Title: Administrator of Highways
 Date: JUN 29, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: _____
 ATTEST: _____
Keeper of The National Register
 Date: _____

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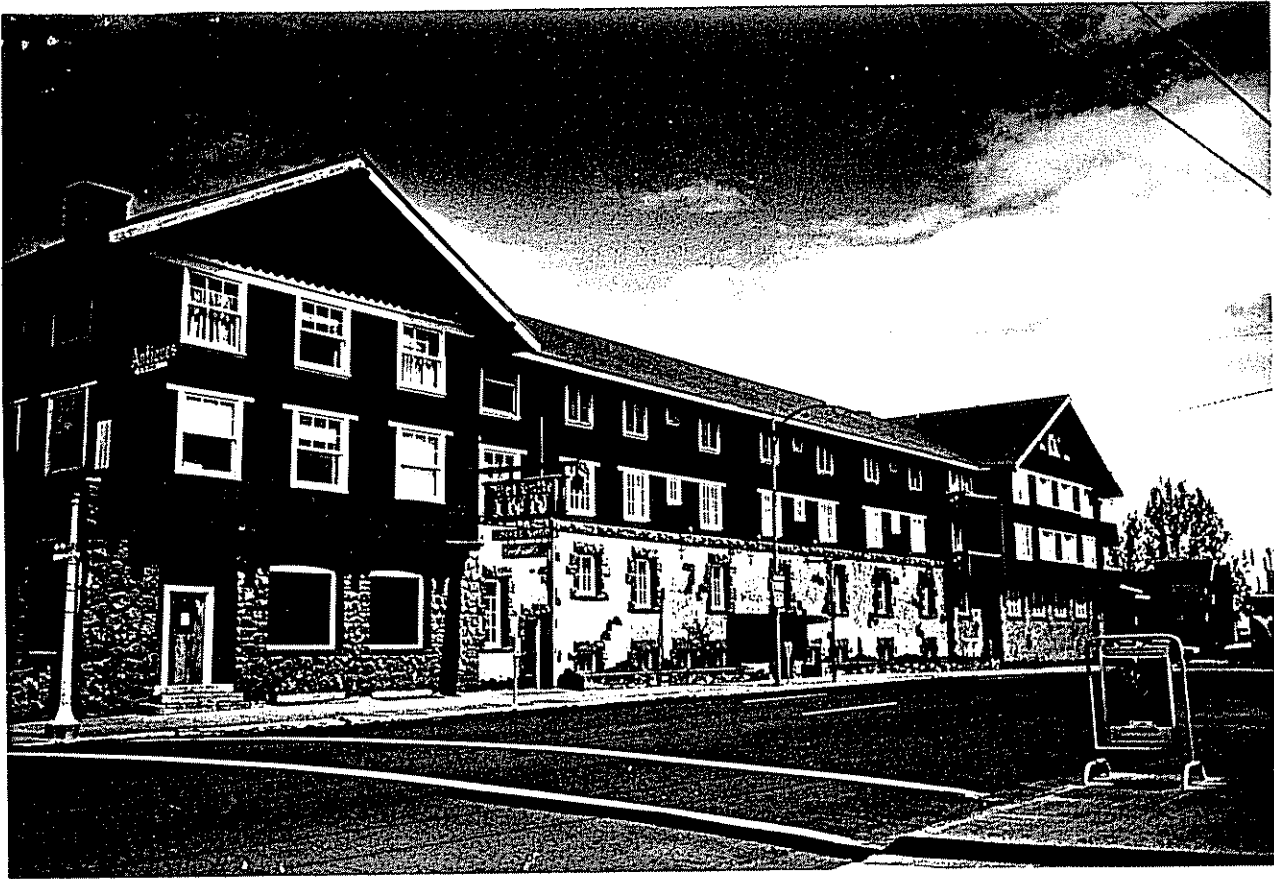
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Salem, Oregon 97310

4. IDENTIFICATION

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Pilot Butte Inn. South face, from intersection of Newport and Wall Streets.
Showing original block of 1917.

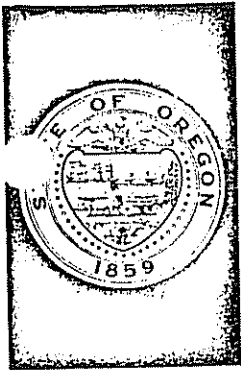


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TOM McCALL
GOVERNOR

GEORGE M. BALDWIN
Administrator of Highways

June 21, 1973

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Chief
Branch of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Jerry:

The Pilot Butte Inn in Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon, was entered in the National Register on July 24, 1972.

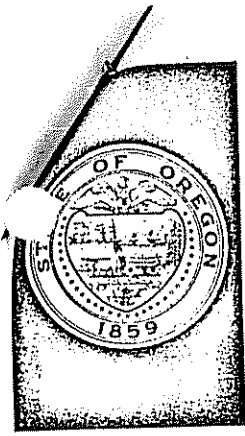
The lengthy and varied preservation history of the building culminated recently in abandonment of attempts by the latest private owner to develop a feasible restoration plan. The costs of some necessary fundamental restoration work and meeting code requirements proved prohibitive. Razing operations began on the 56-year-old Inn on June 20, 1973.

This will bring your file on the property up to date.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Walton
Park Historian

cc: Ron Greenberg
John Frisbee



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DRAN MITCH:

WE FEEL YOUR UNSTINTING
EFFORTS TO SAVE THE PILOT BUTTE
INN HAVE BEEN ADMIRABLE, AND
PERHAPS MORE EFFECTIVE IN
SHARPENING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING
THAN YOU REALIZE. THE OPPONENTS
WERE BOUND TO BE POLARIZED IN
ANY EVENT. WE WERE THAT THE
BUILDING IS FINALLY LOST IN
SPITE OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN
DONE. I PERSONALLY REGRET
THAT IT PRESENTED SO MANY
PROBLEMS TECHNICALLY AND
POLITICALLY, AND THAT WE
WERE UNABLE TO OFFER MORE
TANGIBLE HELP THROUGH OUR PROGRAM.
BRAVELY DOWN. KEEP HUNTING.
ALWABETH

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Statesman, Salem, O

Bills E Home

By JOE MORTON
Staff Writer, The Statesman

If the chairmen have their way, home rule study committees in the five Mid-Willamette counties will continue their work despite the fact that the governor will reduce the incentive for home rule.

The House Bills are giving counties the right to pass their own ordinance 2324, giving board of commissioners the right to assign tax collection to departments other than the sheriffs' offices.

BUT THESE bills do not go far enough for the study committee chairmen.



Memory (BEND, Ore.) The Pilot Butte Inn is cut in half by the wrecking ball of the E. W.

Ritter Co., of Salem. The Inn will be gone in another two weeks. (AP)

istrict Rents Former Market

School District central administration office will this week begin moving into new quarters in Salem. The school district recently secured a five-year lease on a large building, the Mayfair Market near the intersection of Commercial and Liberty Road S.E. The 70 employees, now housed in a half-dozen

locations over the district, will occupy the renovated building. It also will house the newly-appointed area managers for the South High and Sprague High attendance areas. The McNary High and North High area managers are being established in the downtown Administration Building on Ferry Street S.E. The newly-occupied South Salem building will be called the Salem Public Schools

federal programs, and program planning and development.

Returnables To Be Empty, AG Reports

Rep. Nancie Fadeley, D-Eugene, said Wednesday

Fifty tons of canned goods, for use in school cafeterias, will be moved to the new Education Center from the central warehouse building on Ferry Street.

"Combining these scattered offices under one roof will result in much greater efficiency and economy of operations," said William Offutt, district administrative assistant. "The savings in leases and rentals will

Con Escapes From Hospital

Gerald Lee Albers, Oregon State Penitentiary inmate, escaped guard Salem Hospital Men's Unit Wednesday, when he had been taken for an operation.

Authorities said Albers ran out of the hospital at noon and eluded a patrolman who chased him on foot. He had been scheduled for a knee operation at 12:45 p.m. and was carrying six convicts brought to

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High Country

Weekend supplement to The Bulletin



Bend's Pilot Butte Inn is scheduled for demolition next week. In its 56 years it has hosted such guests as Eleanor Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover, as well as such local functions as banquets, art shows and weddings. Since its early years, both the exterior (above) and lobby (left) have been changed by wear and remodeling.

Smith was hopeful of putting the inn back into operation. But the project was too big to accomplish single-handedly. In 1969 a new corporation, Central Oregon Resource Development Co., (CORDCO) was organized with the goal of preserving the inn as the focal point of a 19-acre riverfront development.

CORDCO collected \$30,000 and commissioned a study exploring the potential of the Pilot Butte Inn and the adjacent property. The project was not compatible to the times and the temper of the community, however, and it was abandoned. The corporation was dissolved and remaining funds were returned to the investors.

Bend furniture designer Michael Shannon, a Princeton graduate with a degree in architecture, was the driving force behind CORDCO. He attended meetings, visited restoration projects in other cities, wrote letters, twisted arms.

A year ago the Pilot Butte Inn was entered in the National Register of Historic Places, after Shannon and historian Keith Clark of the Central Oregon Community College faculty submitted research findings to the Oregon Highway Department.

It was a unique experience to live in a house with nearly two acres under its roof," Smith said. "Often I took the grandchildren on tours through the attic. The walkway is 465 feet long.

"Sometimes we spent evenings in the lobby, sitting before a cheerful fire in the big fireplace. Occasionally the children and their friends had dancing parties in the ballroom."

The huge lava fireplace is to be dismantled and the rocks numbered, so the purchaser, hopefully, can have it reassembled.

McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary for failure to file federal income tax returns and pay \$200,000 in back taxes. He had purchased the hotel from Al Gentner, who bought it from the Brooks estate in about 1948.

Martin Byrne and Clark Barrett owned the hotel in the mid-60s. Neglect was beginning to show. The hotel was troubled by competition from motels, a backlog of maintenance work that had been left undone, and lawsuits brought by the government and private citizens.

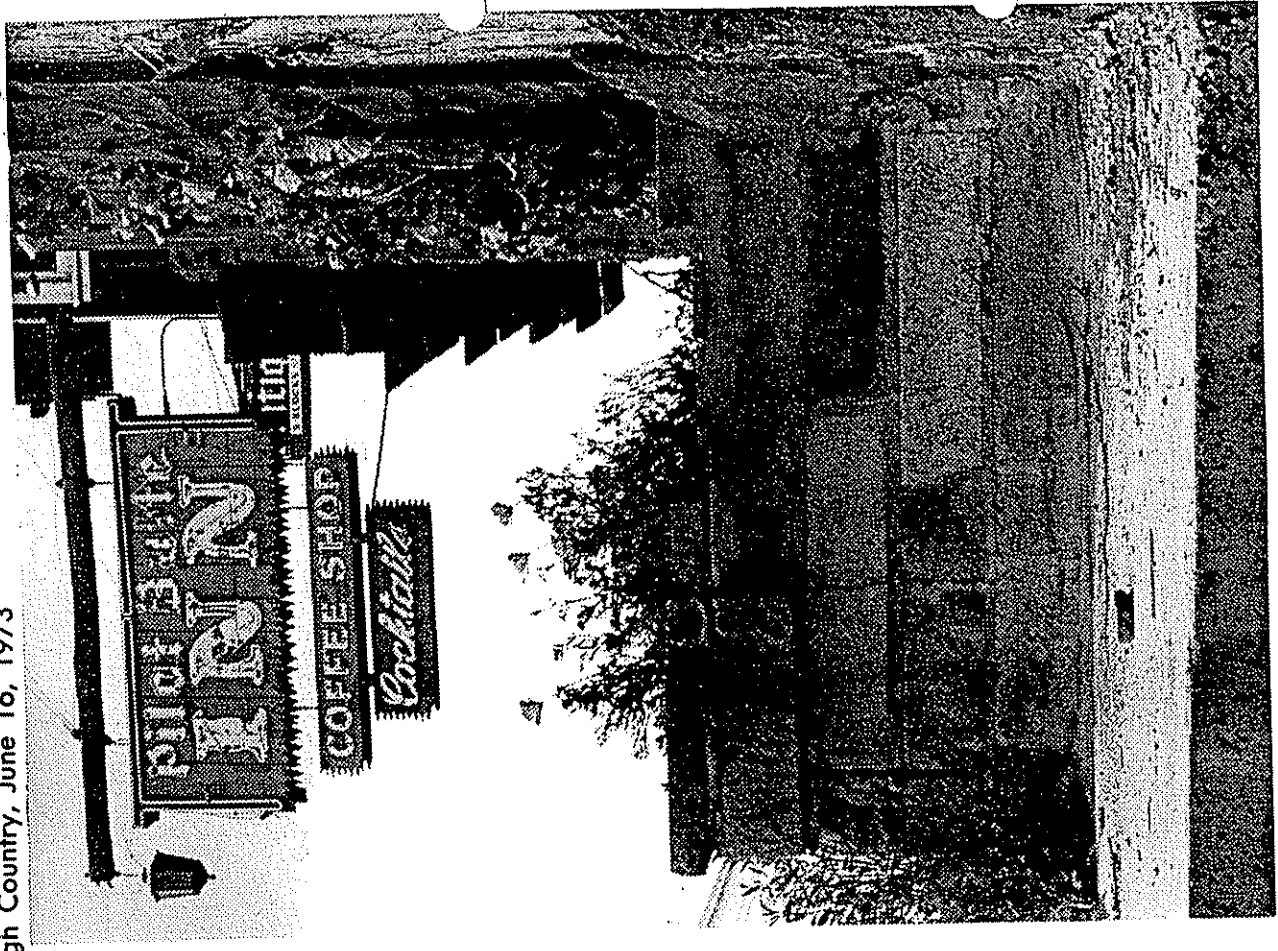
The hotel went into receivership Dec. 6, 1965. Soon after, use was restricted to the ground floor by order of the state fire marshal, and the owners locked the doors. Subsequently, the hotel had been sold four times, twice at public auction.

But it was the fire marshal's condemnation that eventually sounded the old hotel's death knell. Numerous reprieves had been granted, as first one rejuvenation plan and then another flickered and was snuffed out.

Ramon Cooper, a 28-year-old North Bend business man, bought the hotel at the first auction May 8, 1967, for \$169,000. He ran out of money five months later and forfeited his option and \$25,350 he had made in payments.

Bend automobile dealer E.W. Williamson bought the hotel for \$89,000 in another sale on the courthouse steps Dec. 15, 1967. A short time later he sold it to Ray Smith, who was previously in the appliance and antiques business in Corvallis. Smith bought the hotel for \$91,500 cash.

Smith, his wife, Mary, and the three youngest of their 11 children moved into the hotel, occupying the roof-top penthouse and four bedrooms on the third floor.



The Pilot Butte Inn's worn sidewalk lack of maintenance, the inn sign seems to symbolize the building's deteriorated in the 1960s. Next week it current situation. Beset by competition from motels, lawsuits, and Larry Pedersen)

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