

PORTLAND'S OUTDOOR STATUES

BY JANET MOORE

PORTLAND'S streets and parks are dotted with many statues and fountains, all of which have interesting tales to tell.

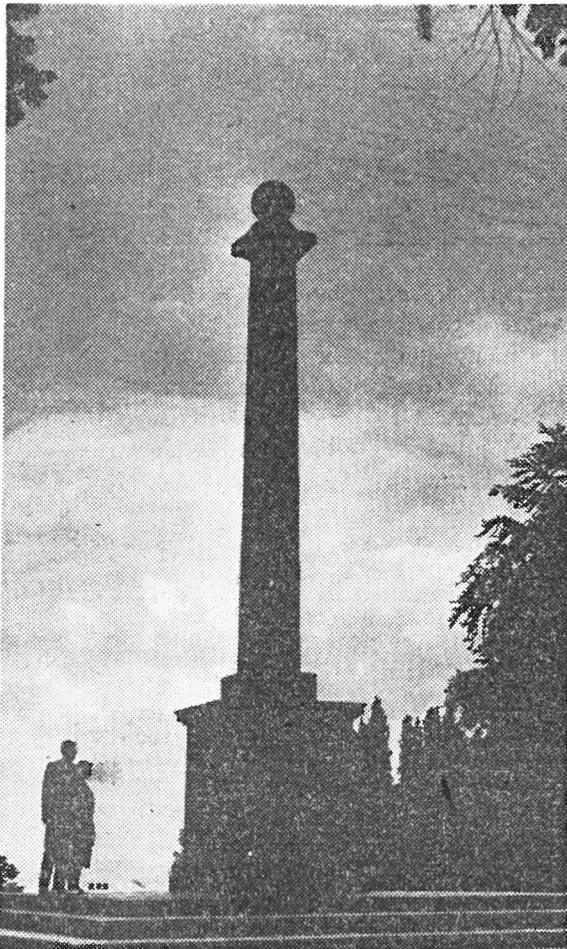
Driving to and from work, our eyes glide absently over these sculptures, unaware of what they represent, unacquainted with the stories of their creation and how they found their ways to Portland.

The Oregonian Sunday magazine section is pre-

senting a series of photos and short stories on these outdoor statues in order that residents of this area might learn to recognize them and appreciate their significance.

Portlanders not only will find this information of interest to themselves, but it will enable them to take out-of-town visitors on some interesting side trips within the city's environs.

Today's photos and stories are second of a series. Photos by Allan de Lay.



7-15-51

Lewis and Clark Memorial

A 34-FOOT-HIGH shaft of granite from the Snake river is Portland's outdoor statue honoring Lewis and Clark.

It stands above the entrance to Washington park, at the head of Park place. The first stone for the base was laid by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903.

Each side of the rectangular shaft bears a large bronze replica of the great seal of one of the northwest states, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon, the four that comprised what was once known as the Northwest territory.

The dedicatory plaque states that the monument is the gift of the people of Oregon in memory of the intrepid explorers, Lewis and Clark, the first to traverse the American continent, and the first to explore the Columbia from its source to its mouth.

Otto Schumann, a local artist, executed the sculptural work on the monument.

ROLL OF HONOR
BUREAU OF FIRE
Portland, Oregon

	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>DIED</u>
Fred Wagner	Jan. 1, 1885	Feb. 28, 1890
Tom O'Keefe	Aug. 7, 1884	Aug. 21, 1891
J. Houston	Jan. 1, 1893	Oct. 31, 1892
Tom Grenfell	Jan. 1, 1883	Mar. 23, 1896
David Campbell <i>Buckley has</i> (No Plaque)	May 2, 1881	June 26, 1911
Wm. A. Higdon	May 16, 1911	June 5, 1912
*E. G. Gustafson	Feb. 28, 1915	Mar. 15, 1916
F. H. McCormick	Aug. 3, 1910	Aug. 15, 1919
Karl Gunster	Dec. 22, 1913	June 15, 1921
O. H. Lehman	June 4, 1910	Oct. 3, 1921
Jas. S. Baldwin	Oct. 22, 1917	June 19, 1922
*O. B. Gabriel <i>Buckley has</i>	May 6, 1913	Oct. 25, 1922
A. W. Wefel	May 15, 1903	June 1, 1923
W. E. Wilbur	Dec. 3, 1917	Apr. 7, 1926
C. A. Ryan	July 21, 1924	May 20, 1928
W. J. McCreery	Feb. 4, 1928	May 20, 1928
*H. Josephson	Nov. 1, 1927	July 23, 1928
R. D. Laisner	Mar. 2, 1912	July 4, 1930
*F. L. Kearney	Feb. 20, 1925	Jan. 7, 1934
*H. B. Morrow	Mar. 8, 1913	July 1, 1934
*H. U. Gardner	July 25, 1923	Jan. 19, 1935
*W. D. Heath	Feb. 1, 1892	Mar. 18, 1935
*Frank Platt	Feb. 4, 1914	Mar. 11, 1937
E. W. Bills	May 19, 1920	June 3, 1940
Gus Markstrom	Mar. 20, 1930	June 3, 1940
*E. Bradford	May 1, 1913	Oct. 25, 1945
*Alfred J. Berg	Nov. 1, 1919	Nov. 2, 1948
*Daniel Shaw	Dec. 6, 1912	Apr. 24, 1949
*Victor Brown	June 7, 1928	Dec. 4, 1957
*John T. Metcalfe	Dec. 1, 1938	Aug. 14, 1960

*-Order Plaque



CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

STANLEY W. EARL, COMMISSIONER

BUREAU OF FIRE

DALE F. GILMAN
CHIEF
55 S.W. ASH ST.

September 6, 1962

Mr. Francis J. Murnane
1527 S.W. Columbia Street
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Francis:

Your recent Campbell Memorial article in the Portland Reporter was well done and is well liked. I for one feel that it was needed by myself as well as by others.

In the very near future I will take steps to provide the missing plaques and arrange for installation - keeping you informed of any questions or problems that may arise. I want you also to know that I heartily concur in your suggestion of annual services at the Memorial rather than at the cemetery. At the moment I see no reason why this should not be done.

Much thanks and kindest personal regards.

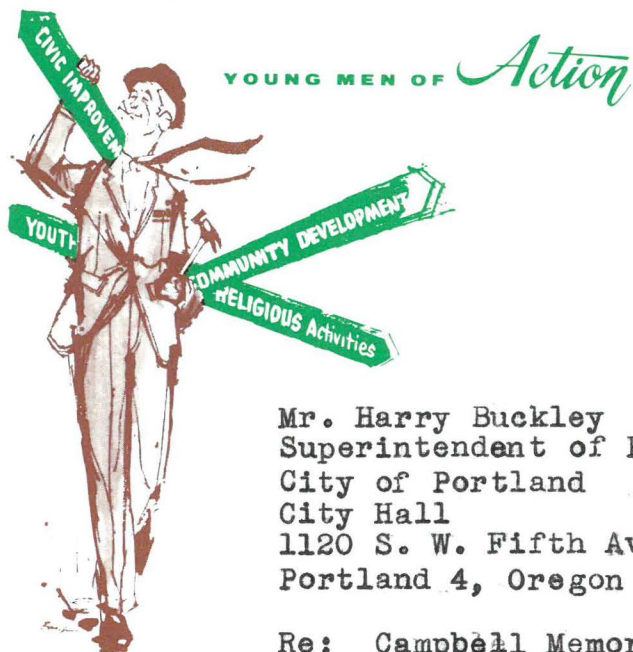
Sincerely,

DALE F. GILMAN
Chief, Bureau of Fire

Jaycees

PORTLAND JUNIOR
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

824 S. W. Fifth Avenue
Portland 4, Oregon
Telephone CA 8-9411



May 17, 1963

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BUREAU OF PARKS &
PUBLIC RECREATIONS
No. _____

Mr. Harry Buckley
Superintendent of Parks
City of Portland
City Hall
1120 S. W. Fifth Ave.
Portland 4, Oregon

Re: Campbell Memorial Renovation

Dear Mr. Buckley:

Commissioner Bean has sent me a copy of the inter-office correspondence addressed to him regarding our proposed work at the Campbell Memorial.

I want to assure you that not only has past experience with the Skidmore Fountain proved of inestimable value to our organization, but my personal association with the construction industry makes me a firm believer that this project should be carried out in the same manner as any significant construction project.

It is not our intention to work at this time on any portion of the existing memorial. However, we do hope that the city will restore the fountain bowl and piping in order to make full service of this very beautiful memorial. It is our hope that such work can be carried on at the same time our program is in progress, in order that the full restoration will be completed at the same time.

Furthermore, it is not my intention to make this a volunteer project. I am well aware of the problems involved in the carrying out of a project of this magnitude in such a manner. Our complete plan for

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Harry Buckley

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the Memorial project involves an intensive publicity campaign to raise money and materials. Only then, when all necessary funds have been raised and committed in writing, will work begin. I am sure you realize that the sprinkler system and the sidewalks and other concrete work are the major parts of this project. For this portion of the work we intend to have a well known, responsible contractor carry out this vital work. Naturally we shall request from this contractor certificates of insurance, etc. as required by the City of Portland.

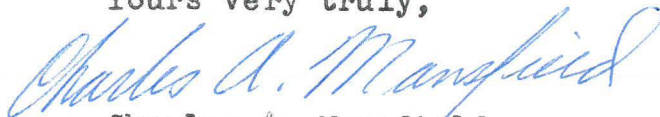
It is also our plan to address all correspondence and communications to one person assigned as supervising engineer by the City of Portland. We feel this is the best and most logical manner of handling such a project.

I understand that Mr. Thoreson of your bureau has been working on the Memorial and we have obtained one drawing of his through Commissioner Bean. I have delegated a member of my committee to contact him regarding specifications for the project.

I am sure that the understanding of the problems involved in a project of this nature by our organization is clear, especially after prior work on the Skidmore Fountain. We trust that the city will be equally understanding about our problems. I encourage you or any other official of the City of Portland to join with us in our meetings in order that you may have an up-to-date picture of our work during the renovation. Of course, we are planning to submit to all officials involved periodic progress reports from the beginning of the project to the very end. It is my sincere hope that this project can be completed no later than September 15, 1963, as mentioned in the outline I sent to Commissioner Bean.

I hope this clears the air of doubts that you may have had regarding our participation in this project. I would hope that if you have any further questions that you would contact me personally by calling me at 228-0191.

Yours very truly,



Charles A. Mansfield
Civic Improvement Committee
Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce

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Portland daily
REPORTER

1714 N. W. OVERTON STREET • PORTLAND 9, OREGON • CApitol 6-7721

May 21, 1963.

Dear Francis,

Enclosed are some letters in response
to the Guest Editorial we ran for you.
I thought you would be interested in
perusing them.

Cordially,

Herb Gardner

FRANCIS J. MURNANE

157 S.W. Columbia St.

Portland, Oregon 97201

June 8, 1965

Honorable Ormond R. Bean
Commissioner of Finance
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Bean:

The repairs that we discussed relating to the Campbell Memorial have not been made. I know that you have ordered such repairs. Will you kindly use your powers of persuasion with greater vehemence?

As you know, the plaque requires pointing as well as the stones at the curved upper portion. Some of the flagstones are also in need of cement work; there is one spot where a hole is making an opening to the foundation.

The annual memorial services will be held on June 26th. I hope you will again attend.

Sincerely,

/s/ FRANCIS J. MURNANE

*Reported completed
June 22-65
HJB*

*Miss
Landscape
Statues - Miss. Inventor*

May 9, 1963

Bureau of Parks

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

Proposal of the J.C.'s to renovate David Campbell Memorial

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Reference is made to the letter dated May 6 from Charles A. Mansfield, Chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, relative to "renovating the David Campbell Memorial at 19th and W. Burnside St."

The prospect of a repetition of the Skidmore Plaza project is somewhat frightening as we are still struggling with portions of completion which the Park Bureau must do out of maintenance funds.

How such a situation can be avoided is our chief concern. We recognize and appreciate the enthusiasm of the J.C.'s for the initiation of worthwhile projects, but on several occasions the final completion of such projects has rested with the city at public expense with great "to do" and publicity going to the J.C.'s for a job well done. This somewhat dampens the enthusiasm for our continued participation.

If the J.C.'s are permitted to undertake any portion of the Campbell Memorial, I suggest the following:

No work on the present installation be allotted to them for the reason that qualified contractors have already been either engaged or are in process of being engaged on this very specialized work which will be completed as soon as suitable weather permits.

The Park Bureau and Bureau of Street Maintenance should prepare all plans and specifications.

The J.C.'s should present written commitments for all labor, material and services before the work is permitted to start.

There should be some sort of completion guarantee to avoid the necessity for city completion.

The Campbell Memorial is a fireman's memorial and the plaques in the installation relate to that purpose. I would question the wisdom of a competitive plaque for publicity purposes.

At present the Park Bureau's plans for the area to the east of the "Memorial" are only preliminary. If there is to be a work project initiated, it will be necessary for us to proceed with working drawings.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Parks

HBB:mg

Reg.

March 17, 1967

Bureau of Parks

Commissioner of Public Affairs

Commissioner Francis J. Ivancie

Council Calendar No. 690 (1961) re David Campbell
Memorial

Dear Commissioner Ivancie:

Your Superintendent of Parks returns herewith Council Calendar No. 690 (1961) being communication from Francis J. Murnane calling attention to the condition of the David Campbell Memorial located at W. Burnside Street and S.W. 19th Avenue.

Inasmuch as this Memorial has been re-conditioned, it is suggested that the Calendar be returned to the Auditor for filing.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Parks

HBB:a

To: Done

CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

File

July 20, 1972

From Park Bureau
To Stadium & Maintenance
Addressed to ☒ Roland Hall & Vern Toedtemeier
Subject Campbell Memorial Fountain

Gentlemen:

The present condition of the Campbell Memorial Fountain and the State constructed freeway mini parks are substantially below the fine standard of maintenance expected of all our park areas.

It would seem that a coordinated effort should be made to prevent these areas from appearing as though they are being cared for by a chairmanless committee.

Please advise me by Wednesday, July 26th, of the steps you would recommend to correct the situation.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Parks

DRC:k

*Done - GARDENERS ARE WORKING AT
14TH & HALL -
VERN IS TO APPLY HIS CREW TO
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL - ORIGINALLY A
FIRE DEPT DUTY.*

Roland

On May 1, 1963, a meeting was held in the office of Ormond R. Bean, Commissioner of Finance, City of Portland, Oregon. Present were Commissioner Bean, Mr. Ward Cook, Mr. Jerry Vanderpool, and Mr. Charles Mansfield, representing the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

At that meeting plans were discussed for the undertaking by the Jaycees of renovating the David Campbell Memorial, located at 19th and W. Burnside Sts.

Portland Jaycees would undertake the task of obtaining money, materials, and labor for enlarging the Campbell Memorial by adding a small area of trees, shrubs, and lawn to the east of the existing memorial.

The project committee intends to arrange all necessary supplies before commencing the project, thus eliminating the chance of a work stoppage due to lack of funds or materials. Commissioner Bean indicated that some trees would be available from the City Nursery.

The plan of construction would be as follows:

1. Obtain existing plans for the project from Commissioner Bean's office.
2. Determination of dimensions and quantities of materials needed. At this point, the Jaycees would request the City to designate a person to be their representative to the Jaycees during the term of the project.
3. Acquisition of materials.
4. Demolition of existing traffic dividers and excavation of pavement and parking area adjacent to the memorial.
5. Repair of fountain bowl and piping.
6. Installation of gutters, curbs and sidewalks.
7. Furnishing and placing of sprinkler system, topsoil.
8. Landscaping, erection of temporary wire fence.
9. (After lawn has been established) Removal of wire fence, installation of bronze plaque.

Responsibility for the project will lie with the Civic Improvement committee and the project chairman. Barring unforeseen difficulties, such as inclement weather, the project should be completed by September 15, 1963.

Mr. Murnane *fyi*
May 14, 1963

To The Editor
Daily Reporter
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir;

The letter from Francis Murnane was a crackerjack. He has done much for this town. I agree with him about it being a shame that the city has taken so long to restore the Campbell memorial. He tries to soften things for the ageing Mr. Bean. But Commissioner Bean from Mr. Murnane's own statement has direct charge of the restoration.

Then why has it taken so long? It seems to me, as Mr. Murnane said, that it is a reflection on those responsible. I go by the memorial every day. Since the nice new stones were placed, nothing has been done.

It looks like the city's firemen ought to step in and do something. They have been treated in a dirty fashion. The same Commissioner Bean is the one who spent over \$50,000 to remodel Mayor Schrunk's office. But the firemen, who risk their lives can go hang. This is Portland's shame.

I was very interested in Mr. Murnane's account of how the nice Benson memorial came into being. I frequently sit there. It would have been nice if Mr. Murnane had his way about getting Simon's philosophy on the plaque. But I doubt if it would have done any good as far as the Arlington Club boys are concerned.

If the people responsible for improvement of the town's appearance would unite on what Mr. Murnane said about avoiding bickering, we'll all be ~~much~~ better.

I wonder what the men in the fire department think about the persnickety attitude of Mr. Bean?

Yours Truly,
K.L. Montgomery
S.W. Washington St.

K.L. Montgomery

Sirs:

I am the widow of a fireman who lost his life in this city. Although I have remarried, I am still angry because his name had not been placed on the Campbell memorial.

Mr. Francis Murnane is so right about the shameful way the city has acted. The work of restoring the statue should have been in charge of Mr. Stanley Earl, who has done so much for the men. Mr. Bean is too old to get things done like that. How much longer is the restoring going to take? Mr. Bean has no connections with the fire bureau, that's why he doesn't care. Shame! Shame! Shame!

Mr. Murnane says he thinks it should be ready by June 26 of 28. I hope so. But the mayor will have to wake up Rip Van Winkle Bean first!

I am glad that Chief Gilman told Mr. Murnane that he is going to revive the memorial services. They used to be so nice, so long ago. But I never saw the name I loved, even to this day. May God bless Mr. Murnane for ~~MM~~ his efforts to restore the old memorial.

Please do not use my name. It would only embarrass my present relationships. How old I feel, recalling my young and handsome fire laddie.

MRS. LOUIE [redacted]

[redacted] SE 15

City

STANLEY W. EARL
COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS



JOHN R. FAUST
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

EVE K. BONEFF
SECRETARY

CITY OF PORTLAND
OREGON

May 20, 1963

Francis J. Murnane
1527 S.W. Columbia St.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Murnane:

After conferring with Chief Gilman of the Bureau of Fire, I can give you the following statement regarding the Firemen's memorial which has been mentioned adjacent to Fire Boat Station No. 1.

Neither Chief Gilman, myself or any member of the Bureau of Fire has any intention of erecting or creating or maintaining any memorial for the Bureau of Fire at this location. The only memorial in which we are interested is that of the David Campbell in its present location. It is our intention as Commissioner and Chief of the Bureau that this memorial stay in this location.

It is also our desire that this memorial be made reasonably renovated in the shortest possible time within the funds allocated for that purpose. The statement that money is being set aside by firemen for another memorial is completely erroneous. There is no basis of fact whatsoever in this statement, and the minutes of the Esplanade Committee should be corrected so that this misinformation is remedied immediately.

Very truly yours,

Stanley W. Earl
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

March 19, 1962

From Traffic Engineering
To Public Works
Addressed to Commissioner William A. Bowes
Subject Restoration Plans for David Campbell Memorial Fountain
W. Burnside and S.W. 19th Avenue

Dear Commissioner Bowes:

Submitted herewith is our report on the restoration plans for the David Campbell Memorial Fountain located at W. Burnside and S.W. 19th Avenue.

This proposal would not have any effect on our traffic pattern as it presently exists. It would, however, eliminate six spaces of angle parking on the east side of the Memorial. A check of our accident records shows that this parking has caused no accidents in the last three years, but undoubtedly has caused some anxious moments as is common to parked cars backing into a moving lane.

We do not object to the proposal of the Portland Art Commission dated January 12, 1962.

Respectfully submitted,


W. J. WELLER
Traffic Engineer

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CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

March 5, 1962

From Bureau of Parks
To Department of Finance
Addressed to Commissioner Ormond R. Bean
Subject Repair of Campbell Fountain

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Wm. A. Efraimson, painting and decorating contractor who, in conjunction with R. C. Thompson, a plastering contractor, submits his bid for \$1135.00 for a complete job of repairing and repainting the Campbell memorial.

The scope of the work, as previously discussed with you, has been carefully reviewed with Mr. Efraimson at the site, so there should be no question as to the desired end result.

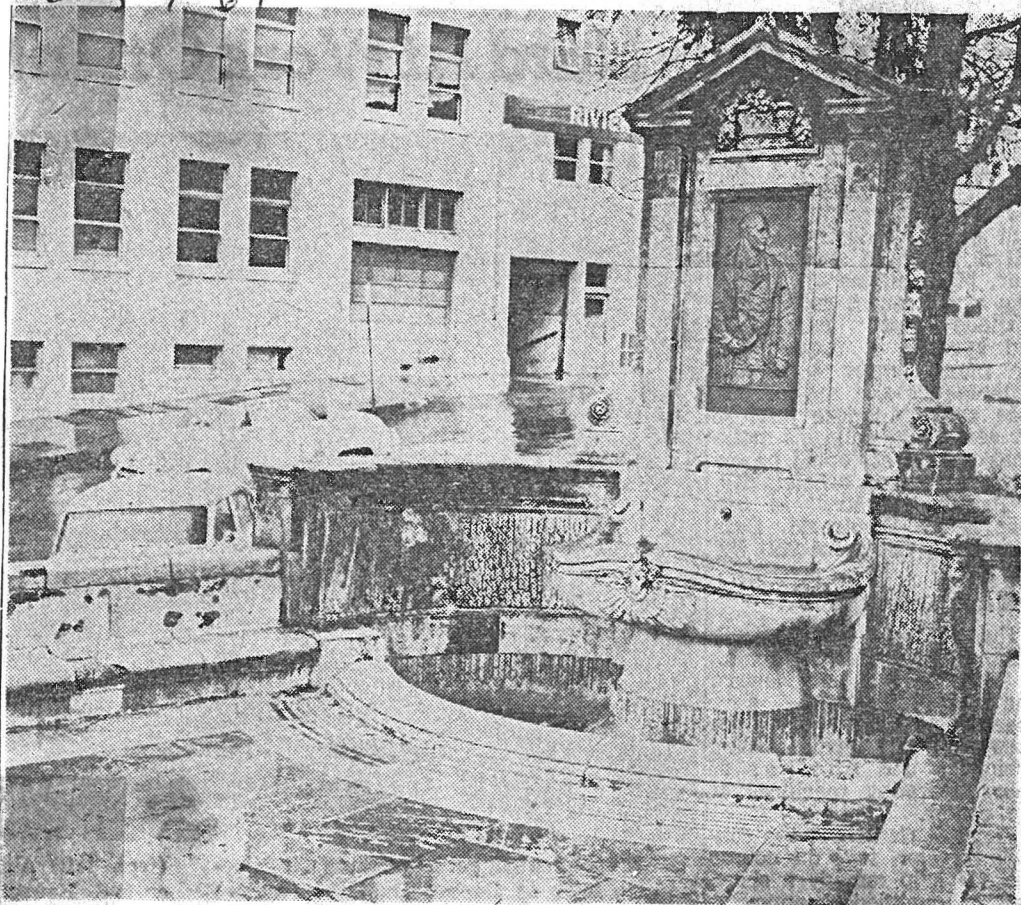
Mr. Efraimson has had contracts with the various bureaus of the City and the State Highway Department; he has always been reliable and has shown good quality of workmanship.

Very truly yours,



Ervin M. Thoreson
Landscape Architect

EMT:mg



FOR YEARS people have been complaining about the condition of the David Campbell

Memorial Fountain but little has been done about it. City Council will look again.

Council Asked To Repair Memorial To City Heroes

The "deplorable" condition of the David Campbell Memorial at SW 19th Ave. and W. Burnside St. was called to the attention of the City Council again Wednesday — with chunks of loose limestone.

Francis J. Murnane, 1527 SW Columbia St., informal guardian of the city's statuary, demonstrated the condition of the memorial fountain to firemen who have lost their

lives in the line of duty, by depositing pieces of it on the polished table in front of the city commissioners. Murnane frequently has asked the city to take better care of its fountains.

"Imagine putting stucco on French limestone meant to age like the cathedrals of Europe," he said, referring to a patch up job the city had attempted several years ago on the Campbell memorial.

It was shameful, he said, the way the memorial had been neglected. Authorized in 1917 in memory of Chief David Campbell who lost his life in fire in 1911, and dedicated in 1928 on land donated by Catherine A. Daly, the monument was built of a special limestone brought from France.

Since then, he said, someone got the bright idea of slapping stucco over its beautiful surface. Not only that, he said, but it had been allowed to deteriorate regrettably.

Murnane pulled a bronze nameplate out of a sack and showed the council. It was inscribed, "D. Campbell 1881-1911." This morning, he said he went by to look at it again and this nameplate fell off in his hand.

Litter Fills Bowl

The bowl was filled with litter and the water in the fountain was turned off, he said.

Murnane said the names of 18 other firemen who gave their lives had also been honored with nameplates until the city let it go to pot and discontinued the practice.

Mayor Terry D. Schunk noted that John Metcalf, a fireman who lost his life last year, should also be added to the list.

"There are probably many other firemen who should be so honored," Murnane said. He called for a council investigation to determine if such recognition had been neglected.

Murnane said he was aware of the fact that "certain people have a campaign on to remove the plaque and install it in a new fire station near the spot where Campbell was killed."

The plaque and monument, he said, belong to the city for all the people to enjoy and to honor all firemen who had lost their lives in the line of duty.

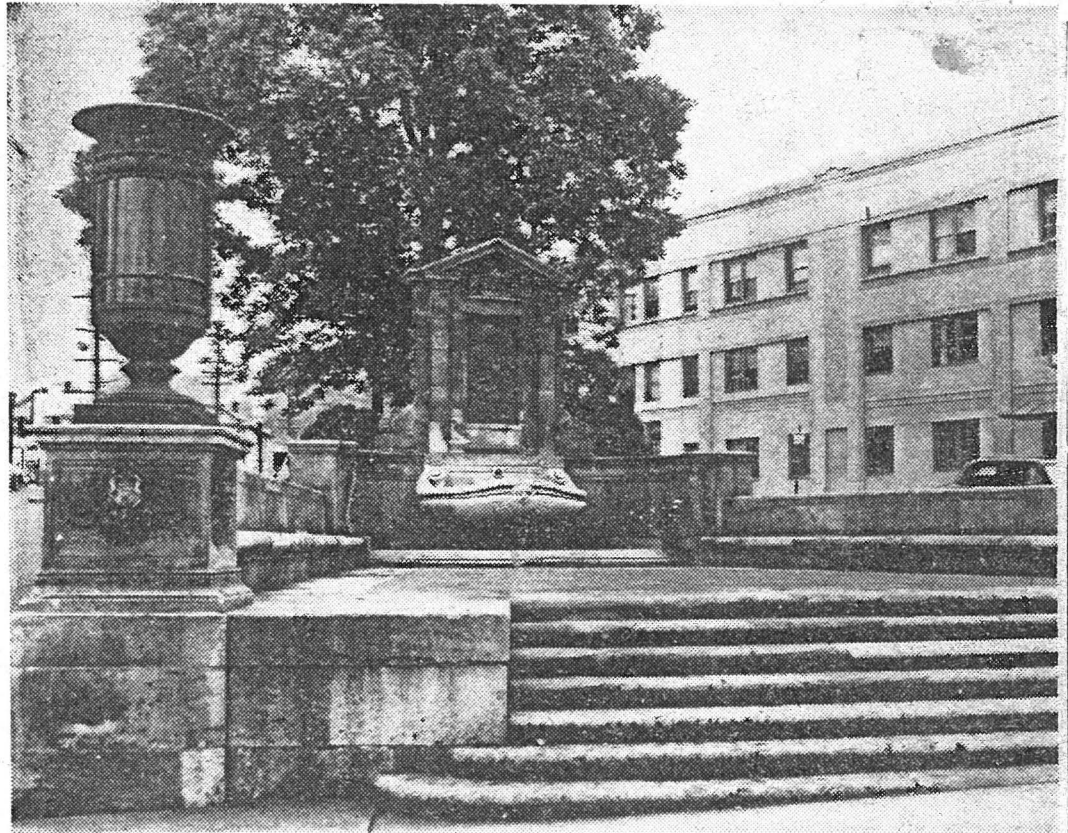
Mayor Schunk referred the matter to the Bureau of Parks for investigation. Commissioner Stanley W. Earl suggested that the memorial be inspected by a competent stonemason to determine how it could best be restored.

The Oregonian's files show that the deplorable condition of the Campbell Memorial has been brought to the attention of the City Council many times over the last 15 years.

As long ago as 1948 the council asked Fire Chief Edward Grenfell and City Commissioner Kenneth Cooper to conduct a study to see what could be done. They reported back that a stone firm examined the memorial and that the cost of restoration would be prohibitive.

Water has not splashed in the fountain since before World War II. And back as far as 1948 an Oregonian reporter disclosed the name plates were falling off and that two had completely disappeared.

The stone apparently began crumbling seven months after the fountain was dedicated. Water would get into the porous stone and freeze causing the stone to crack and break. Some of the porous stone later was replaced by non-porous material.



Campbell Memorial

THE SCULPTURAL fountain located in the triangle at 19th and W. Burnside represents a tribute in stone and bronze to the heroic sacrifice of Fire Chief David Campbell who lost his life in an oil company's fire June 26, 1911.

When Chief Campbell returned to the burning building to rescue several of his men trapped by the flames, he made the supreme sacrifice.

The triangular platform, approached by low steps and flanked with benches, invites the eye to the bronze plaque adorning the slab at the rear, portraying Chief Campbell in fighting togs. Water pours from a single outlet into a carved basin below, then overflows into a pool. Bronze

lanterns decorate and light the whole.

The limestone was quarried in France, cut in Philadelphia and shipped to Portland ready for installation. E. F. Tucker was the local architect in charge, and Avar Fairbanks sculptured the bas relief.

The cenotaph, costing \$35,000, was the gift of friends and of an unnamed donor who guaranteed the financing of the project. Dedication took place on June 26, 1928, the 17th anniversary of the chief's death.

The monument is considered a memorial not only to Chief Campbell, but also to all other firemen who have given their lives in service to the city.

David Campbell Memorial Park New JC Project

7-6-5-63

By CARL GOHS

A small park surrounding the David Campbell memorial at 18th and W Burnside was announced Wednesday as the latest community project of the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The memorial, built in 1911 in memory of Portland Fire Chief David Campbell who lost his life fighting a Union Oil Co. fire, has subsequently been dedicated as a monument to all men in the fire bureau killed in the performance of duty.

Bronze plaques inscribed with the names of these individuals have in the past been placed near the base of a fountain incorporated in the monument. Recently, however, this practice, and the memorial in general, has been neglected.

The city recently began a program of refurbishing the monument, but funds were not available for construc-

tion of the surrounding park, which the JC's now propose to do.

Plans, drawn by the Ore-

gon chapter, American Institute of Architects, will require about \$3,500 to complete.

The JCs hope individuals and companies will assist in the donation of funds, materials and labor.



AL JESSEN PHOTO

■ Charles McClelland, Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce president; Fire Chief Charles Gilman and Gerald Vanderpool, JC director of civic improvement, stand before the David Campbell memorial discussing JC plans for establishing a small park at the 18th-and-W-Burnside site.

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CHIEF DAVID CAMPBELL memorial cenotaph at criss-cross intersection at SW 19th Ave. and Burnside St. is getting a face lifting, starting with repair of damaged steps, on which crew is shown working recently. Benches and

floor will be repaired with new, matching stones and remaining stones will be sand-blasted and sprayed. Statue commemorates early-day fire chief hero.

C O P Y

March 10, 1959

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean and Commissioner Mark A. Grayson

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of February 6, 1959, setting forth the understanding arrived between the Commissioner of Finance and the Commissioner of Public Utilities, relative to the maintenance and operation and the responsibility therefore of the various fountains throughout the City of Portland. I am in agreement of the responsibilities assigned, and request that you use this as a basis of your future operations. I am requesting Commissioner Earl, as the Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Fire, to assume the responsibility for the David Campbell Memorial that has long been maintained by the Bureau of Fire.

It should be understood by both Commissioners concerned, that if conditions should indicate, and the Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Parks and Commissioner in charge of Public Utilities are in accord, changes of responsibility of the various special fountains mentioned may be changed by mutual consent.

Yours truly,

M A Y O R

TDS:y

cc: Commissioner Stanley Earl

C O P Y

March 10, 1959

Commissioner Stanley Earl
Department of Public Affairs
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Earl:

Attached hereto find copy of a memorandum of agreement reached by Commissioner Bean and Commissioner Grayson, relative to the assignment of responsibility for the various fountains throughout the City of Portland. I had requested that such a meeting be held and such an agreement be reached at the time that I assigned the primary responsibility for the fountains in public streets to the Commissioner of Public Utilities. This was an outgrowth of the problems that arose on the Benson Drinking Fountains.

You will note in paragraph 5 of the attached memorandum that both Commissioners concerned suggested that the David Campbell Memorial, which I believe has a fountain or two attached thereto, continue to be the responsibility of the Bureau of Fire. This has long been the practice of various work crews of on-duty firemen who have at varying times kept this Memorial in a presentable fashion. I respectfully request that this practice and responsibility continue to be exercised by the Bureau of Fire.

Yours truly,

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C O P Y

March 11, 1959

Mayor Terry D. Schrunk
City of Portland

Dear Mayor Schrunk:

Please be assured that the Bureau of Fire
will continue to be responsible for the mainten-
ance of the David Campbell Memorial.

Sincerely,

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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cc to Commissioner Bean
Commissioner Grayson
Chief H. E. Simpson

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BUREAU OF PARKS &
PUBLIC RECREATIONS

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SKILLED masonry and stoneworkers should be finished with restoration of Chief David Campbell Memorial within week or 10 days. Workmen are removing old sandstone blocks from benchwork, steps and landing of memorial. Newer and sturdier

type stone known as Kazota will replace sandstone, which has weathered and decayed in 35 years since memorial was constructed to honor Campbell and other heroic Portland firemen.

Restoration Of Hero Fire Chief's Memorial Under Way In Portland

C O P Y

February 6, 1959

Dear Mayor Schrunk:

We have investigated the "fountain" situation and inspected certain installations and would now recommend the following:

1. That the Bureau of Water be assigned the operation and maintenance of all fountains in street areas, both "ornamental" and "bubbler" drinking type; and in addition, the Shemanski fountain located in the park area south of S. W. Salmon Street and the bubblers at S. W. 6th and Yamhill which are in the process of being repaired.
2. That the Bureau of Parks be assigned the operation and maintenance of all fountains in park areas, both ornamental and bubbler type (with the exception of the above Shemanski fountain), including the fountain opposite the Court House entrance.
3. That the Bureau of Parks assignment also include the ornamental bubler fountains on park property at the entrance to Macleay Park and at the W. Burnside entrance to Washington Park (Stearns fountain) as well as the bronze figured bubbler fountain in Council Crest Park (Laberee). The two entrance fountains above face the street but because of plumbing connections, they should be under the Bureau of Parks.
4. That the stone and brick fountain in Penninsula Park Rose Garden requires extensive repairs and probably should be removed. It is to be inspected further.
5. That the David Campbell memorial operation and maintenance be assigned to the Bureau of Fire as that bureau is in a better position to take care of it.
6. That the cast iron fountain and figure at the intersection of the west and east one-way roads in Washington Park remain under the Bureau of Parks operation at least until its future use is determined as it requires difficult repairs and may not justify restoring it to a flowing fountain.

Yours very truly,

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Re: cal. 690
referred to
T. Evans



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ARCHITECT

ALEX PIERCE

Portland City Council
c/o Council Clerk
Auditor's Office
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

March 13, 1961

Gentlemen,

In the March 9 edition of the Oregonian appeared an article reporting the maintenance problems of the David Campbell Memorial at S.W. 19th and West Burnside St. Passing this monument at least twice daily between home and office, I, too, have pondered reasons for the inactive fountain and the deteriorating stonework. Situated at a veritable hub of several heavily traveled city streets, the memorial presents a very pitiful picture against the overpowering background of asphalt and concrete. What a location opportunity for a visual refresher from the West Burnside building "canyon". Asking questions of Fire Chief Simpson, I am told that city firemen, alone, perform the general maintenance of the area, as the city does not wish the responsibility.

Now that the subject has once more been introduced I hope that sufficient monies and planning may restore the memorial to good condition and enhance its setting so as to become a credit to the city and a fit remembrance for the firemen whose names read on its bronze plaques. It is my opinion that an enlargement of the setting, planting of ground cover with an addition of several flowering trees would vastly improve the situation. Present parking along side now obscures the memorial and creates a hazard when cars are backed into through traffic. Additional trees will soften the harsh background of unsympathetic buildings and make the now single specimen less

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incongruous to the area. My sketches illustrate these thoughts. Still further improvements would be obtained by an appeal to adjacent property owners to repair and repaint building exteriors complementary to the area; also the removal of depreciating signs, in particular, two roof top billboards.

However the planning may be concluded, it's my sincerest wish that soon this present eyesore may be transformed into its intended concept of dignity and respectability.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rufus", written in a cursive style.

FRANCIS J. MURNANE

1527 S. W. COLUMBIA STREET

PORTLAND 1, OREGON



May 29, 1963



Commissioner Ormond R. Bean
Department of Finance
City Hall
Portland, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Bean:

You scoffed the other day when I told you that many people were forming the opinion that the restoration of the Firemen's Memorial, because of the inexcusable delay, was becoming a civic joke, and an insult to all firemen, living and dead.

Well, enclosed are two letters which were sent to me by Mr. Gardiner, the Editor of The Portland Reporter. You should thank him for not publishing them. They reflect a point of view that you are arrogantly refusing to consider. But, take it from me Mr. Bean, you are being subjected to scathing criticism because of the way you are handling the work on the monument. I have attended three recent civic meetings at which people have voiced their disappointment.

It is incomprehensible why you continue to procrastinate in regard to this project. It is a reflection upon the city. My own disappointment in you is mounting. In view of your past record as a public official it becomes difficult to understand. Perhaps it would be better to turn the project over to Mr. Earl, as one of the writers suggests.

If you continue to listen to the sycophants who constantly surround you, the feelings of citizens about matters will be kept from reaching your ears. I feel that you are being misled about the restoration work. Unless you do something soon about certain deadheads, they are going to drag you down to their level. But you seem to go blithely along in a do-nothing fashion. I have long been one of your admirers. But I am very disappointed in you. I have just checked over two or three of your letters, dated over a year ago, in which you promised to complete the project. It is still unfinished! Thousands of visitors to the Rose Festival will soon be in Portland. Civic pride ought to dictate completion.

At any rate, perhaps the enclosed letters will be informative.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Murnane
Francis J. Murnane

May 29, 1963

Mr. Francis J. Murnane
1527 S. W. Columbia Street
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Murnane:

Enclosed are the letters from Commissioner Earl and Chief Gilman that you handed to me.

I have asked Industrial Spray Painting Corporation to do the work on the Campbell Memorial and they agreed to get started as soon as they could possibly arrange it.

Inasmuch as I have been unable to reach you by phone, I am dropping you this note, as I shall be out of the city next week.

Very truly yours,

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

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Statues - Misc. Inventory
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June 14, 1963

Bureau of Parks

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

J.C.'s and the Campbell Memorial

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Reference is made to the letter of June 12 from Charles Mansfield of the Junior Chamber of Commerce relative to a list of items and quantities for the Campbell Memorial.

I was not aware that the J.C.'s had been authorized to conduct any project. If so, what are the limitations of the project?

After existing contracts are completed, nothing more is contemplated for the present fountain area as the restoration can be considered as having been done.

The work then remaining would be in the street area to the east to achieve a small park adjoining the fountain.

Grades and plan of perimeter curbs would be the responsibility of the Public Works Department. When the perimeter grades and alignment have been established, the Park Bureau can make detail plans for internal development of the proposed park and advise the J.C.'s if they are to be involved.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Parks

HBB:mg

cc - E. Thoreson

Ervin M. Thoreson
Landscape

August 7, 1963

Bureau of Parks

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

Improvement of street area adjacent to the David Campbell Memorial

Dear Commissioner Bean:

The Department of Public Works has now completed the plan and estimate for the construction of curbs, sidewalk and the removal of the asphalt pavement adjacent to the David Campbell Memorial. The materials and labor for this portion of the work come to an estimated cost of \$2,495.00.

Mr. Charles Mansfield, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been in contact with Commissioner Bowes' office regarding this information.

The landscaping part of this improvement, consisting of lawn construction, an irrigation system and trees and shrubbery planting, comes to an estimated \$950.00, for a combined total of \$3,345.00.

Very truly yours,

Ervin M. Thoreson
Landscape Architect

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August 23, 1963

Bureau of Parks

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

Condition of Campbell Memorial Fountain

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Reference is made to the letter of August 18th from Francis Murnane calling attention to "white paint or some kind of stone solution" which had been applied to some portions of the Campbell Memorial Fountain.

Inspection revealed that the contractor responsible for the restoration of some concrete sculpture and the pointing up of the mortar joints had a workman who was over enthusiastic in the application of material and apparently had no knowledge of color blending or color change upon drying.

We are taking steps to remedy the situation and may have to get another contractor to complete it because of apparent lack of interest of the original one in satisfactory completion.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Parks

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July 29, 1964

Bureau of Parks

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

Campbell Memorial Project

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Reference is made to the letter from John P. Young, Chairman of the Campbell Memorial project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

All the items referred to as the responsibility of the Bureau of Parks require alteration contrary to the original intent of the designer.

Before undertaking such changes, we desire a written directive from an appropriate authority and not the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Parks

HBB:mg

CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

May 5, 1965

From **Bureau of Parks**
To " "
Addressed to **Harry B. Buckley, Superintendent**
Subject **Campbell Memorial**

Dear Mr. Buckley:

In order that we may complete the irrigation improvement at the Campbell Memorial, we are in need of additional pipe fittings in the amount of approximately forty dollars.

A portion of the materials was provided by the Junior Chamber of Commerce but since the membership of this organization changes each year, we are having difficulty in obtaining any commitments for supplying the balance of these fittings.

Therefore, I urge that we be authorized to supply these materials so that this project may be complete, and to forestall the possibility of any future complaints about the lack of maintenance.

Very truly yours,

Roland B. Hall
Director of Operations

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CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

September 11, 1962

From Bureau of Parks
To Department of Finance
Addressed to Commissioner Ormond R. Bean
Subject Progress Report on the Campbell Fountain



Dear Commissioner Bean:

Mr. Joe Schouten, the stone mason contractor for the repair of the Campbell Memorial, should complete his part of the project by the end of this week.

Pacific Power and Light replaced their broken conduit with direct burial wire to renew the service for the two lamps.

The present sidewalks and portions of the existing curbs should be replaced on the west and north ends of the project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ervin M. Thoreson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ervin M. Thoreson
Landscape Architect

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February 8, 1963

Bureau of Parks

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

Campbell Memorial Fountain

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Reference is made to the letter from Mr. Francis Murnane dated February 3 relative to the Campbell Memorial Fountain.

This office has advised the contractor who performed the stone work and directed him to repair the damage to the one stone. This appears to have been damaged by frost getting into the mortar joint and apparently is only at one spot.

The Bureau of Parks has always expressed the desire to clean the entire project by steam cleaning and light sandblast after which several treatments of clear masonry sealer to waterproof the stone and mortar would be applied.

After this a spray coat of liquid organic fertilizer would be applied to encourage a rapid regrowth of mosses to restore the appearance of age.

If you will authorize the treatment, we will proceed at once with the work.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Parks

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Thoreson

Bureau of Parks

February 18, 1963

Department of Finance

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean

Cleaning, repairing and sealing of the David Campbell Memorial

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Further contacts have been made and estimates received as to cleaning the Campbell Memorial and "sealing off" against future moisture penetration. Two firms have visited the site and, after looking the situation over, arrived at these estimates:

A. H. Barbour & Sons, Inc. 2828 N.E. Alberta Street

Clean off moss and steamclean	\$440.00	
2 coats of silicone sealer	<u>212.00</u>	\$652.00

Industrial

Controlled sandblast cleaning	150.00	
1 coat of silicone sealer	<u>15.00</u>	165.00

Mr. Barbour was not confident of being able to get all the "stain" off with steam-cleaning, but said he would not attempt a sandblast. His alternative, providing he could not get the stone clean by steam cleaning, was to apply two coats of textured exterior paint at a cost of \$319.00. This alternate total cost would then be \$759.00.

I would be of the opinion that the "painting" would take away from the naturalness of the stone and thereby be less desirable.

Mr. Coronet, of Industrial, would not consider steamcleaning and guarantee good results. He recommended a controlled sandblast and the application of a sealer coat of silicone. He cautioned that the sandblast cleaning could very well uncover flaws in the grouting or in the stone itself, and the actual amount of repair work could not be determined until after the cleaning.

As you know, we have a purchase order for services with Mr. R. C. Thompson and Son, plastering contractors, for repair of the obvious holes that exist now.

I have called Mr. Thompson and have asked him not to do any repair work until these other questions have been resolved.

Yours very truly,

Ervin M. Thoreson
Landscape Architect

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April 10, 1961

Mr. Francis J. Murnane
1527 S. W. Columbia Street
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Murnane:

Your letter in connection with the Fireman Memorial and other suggestions and your postal cards and pictures have not been forgotten or overlooked. The last few weeks I have been struggling with the flu or something similar and have spent some time at home and have not been too energetic. However, after a short rest, I will be back again to carry on as usual.

Sincerely yours,

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

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CENOTAPH UNVEILED TO CHIEF CAMPBELL

Monument to Late Fireman
Given to Public.

OTHERS ALSO CONNECTED

Elaborate Ceremony Held to Give
Remembrance to Men Who
Died in Service.

Seventeen years from that day when the body of David Campbell passed through long lanes of grief-stricken people of the city, a tribute in limestone and bronze was unveiled in the triangle at Nineteenth and Washington streets in memory of the life that he gave to the service of the city, and in memory of those other lives that were given by firemen in the call of duty that others might live.

City officials and citizens generally yesterday paid tribute to the memory of all of those heroic firemen who had sacrificed their lives at the call of duty. Headed by a police escort, a procession of city and county officials, chiefs from nearby cities, delegations of the Elks, the firemen of the off shift in uniform and the firemen's band marched from the fire headquarters at Fourth and Taylor streets to the cenotaph.

Mayor Pays Tribute.

The memorial is a gift to the city by friends of Chief Campbell, and particularly by one unidentified friend who gave the largest share of the cost of the memorial. Mayor Baker pointed out that Chief Campbell gave his life in the discharge of his duty in the effort to get his men out of the blazing furnace that was the building of the Union Oil company. He spoke of the grief that struck the city when the news of his death was known, and of the tribute of tears that was paid by thousands at his funeral.

"No greater tribute has been paid any man nor can there be paid any greater tribute than that of thousands of tear-dimmed eyes the day that Chief Campbell was laid to rest," said the mayor. "No man deserved it more." The mayor also paid a tribute to A. G. Long, who visioned the memorial to his friend and who "also has passed into the great beyond."

Cenotaph Stands Alone.

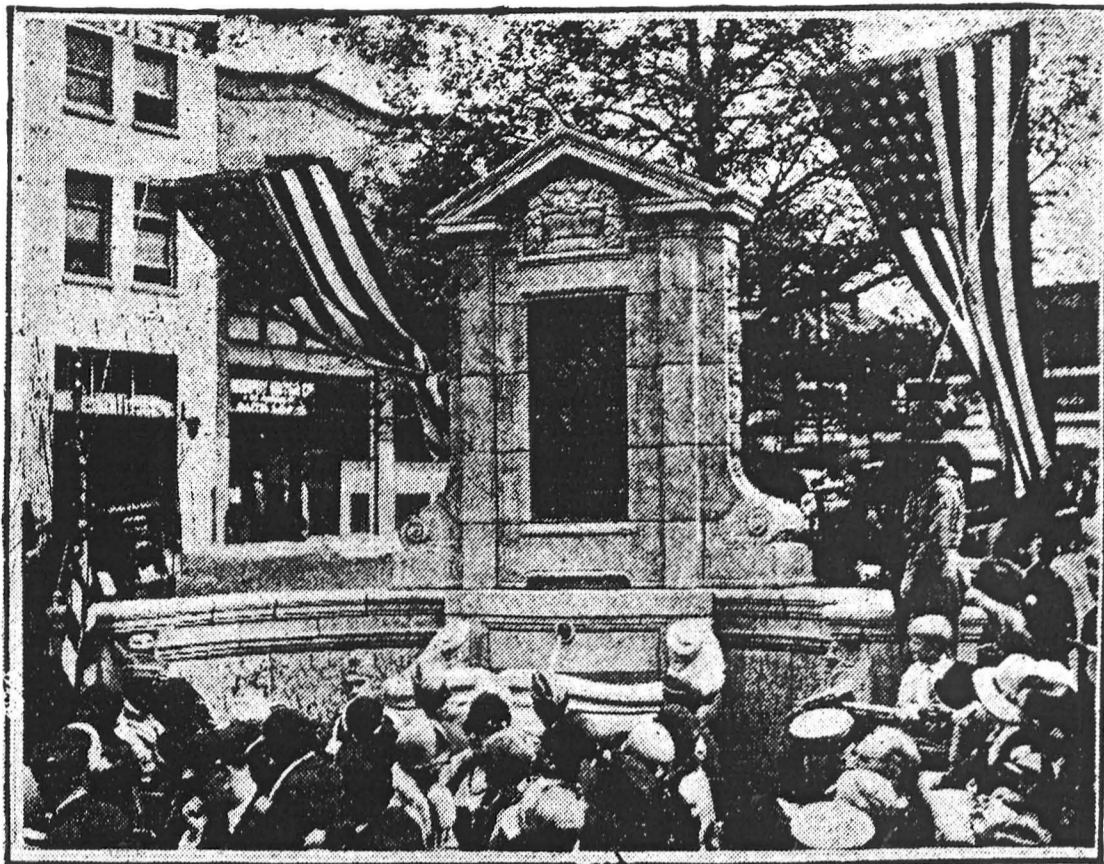
Commissioner Bigelow recited the history of the effort to get the memorial, of the plans to place bronze plates on the stone benches to bear the names of other firemen who gave their lives, and said this cenotaph probably is the only tribute of its kind in the country.

Dr. William Wallace Youngson spoke on "monuments" and said that David Campbell had made his name immortal by his investment in life.

"What will the world remember of me, of the things that I championed, of those things for which I lived?" he asked. "What I am doing to make the world better, to make my life immortal? So David Campbell lived, so David Campbell dared, and so he died that his name will be immortal and will be remembered wherever people remember the works of brave men. When a man comes to die, he is worth only that which he has given away and David Campbell gave his life."

Walter S. Long, president of the board of trustees of the David Campbell memorial fund, presided. The fire department band played, Rev. Oswald W. Taylor gave the invocation, community singing of America was led by Tommy Luke, Stanhope S. Piore, commission of finance, gave the salutation to the flag, Mme. Leah Laska sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the police quartet sang. The cenotaph was unveiled by Captain W. R. Kerrigan and Tom Gavin.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD OF FIRE BUREAU UNVEILED



Bas-relief of David Campbell, fire chief, revealed when flags flutter apart in ceremonies at dedication of cenotaph given to city. Captain W. R. Kerrigan and Tom Gavin pulled the cords that revealed the bronze bas-relief.

Chief Honors Predecessor.

Chief Grenfell recalled his service with Chief Campbell and told of the last fire alarm that Chief Campbell answered, and how, hours after the explosion, the body of the chief was found among the debris of the basement of the shattered building. "His life is an inspiration to the youth of today, an inspiration to them to die if necessary that others may live," said the chief.

Other firemen who gave their lives and who will be honored by the cenotaph, with the dates when they died, were:

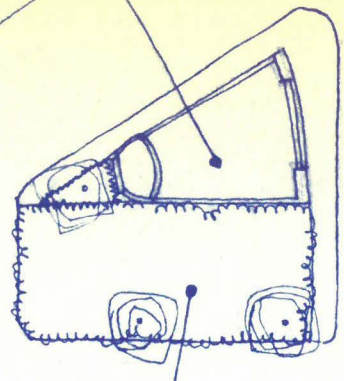
Fred Wagner, February 28, 1890; Tom O'Keefe, August 21, 1891; J. Houston, October 3, 1892; David Campbell, June 26, 1911; William Higdon, June 6, 1912; A. G. Gustafson, March 16, 1916; F. H. McCormick, August 15, 1915; Karl Gunster, June 15, 1921; O. L. Lehman, October 3, 1921; James S. Baldwin, June 19, 1922; O. B. Gabriel, October 25, 1922; F. H. Rittenour, February 1, 1923; A. W. Wefel, June 1, 1923; C. A. Ryan, May 20, 1928; W. J. McCreery, May 20, 1928.



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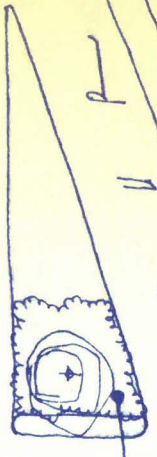
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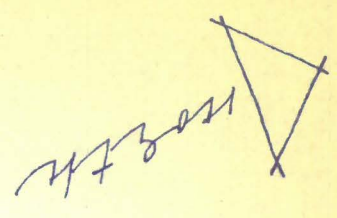
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Unveiling and Dedication of the David Campbell Memorial Monument

Washington and Nineteenth Streets
Portland, Oregon

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1928, 2:30 O'CLOCK

Under the auspices of the Trustees of the David Campbell Medal and Memorial Fund and the officials of the Portland Fire Department

Mr. Walter S. Long, President of Trustees, Presiding

GUESTS OF HONOR: His Excellency, the Hon. I. L. Patterson, Governor of the State of Oregon; City Commissioners Stanhope S. Pier, A. L. Barbur, John M. Mann; County Commissioners Amedee M. Smith, Clay S. Morse and Grant Phegley.

PROGRAMME

Overture, "America"

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT BAND

Invocation—

REV. OSWALD W. TAYLOR

Address—

HON. GEORGE L. BAKER, Mayor of the City of
Portland

Address—

HON. C. A. BIGELOW, Commissioner of Public
Affairs

Song, "The Vacant Chair"—

Police Quartette: W. A. Tyler, Charles B. Lamb,
George N. Johnson and Floyd R. Burtsch.

Address, "Monuments"—

REV. WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNGSON, D. D.

Community Singing, "America"—

Led by TOMMY LUKE

Unveiling of the Monument under the auspices of the Drill Team of B. P. O. E. No. 142 as Guard of Honor, led by T. C. Freiberg, leader, and O. G. Emig, chairman of the Finance Committee, assisted by Captain W. R. Kerrigan, the oldest in point of service in the Portland Fire Department, and Hoseman Tom Gavin, the only man thus far to be awarded a medal by the David Campbell Memorial and Medal Fund, for many years the Chief's driver, holding that position at the time of his death.

Salutation to the Flag—

COMMISSIONER STANHOPE S. PIER

Song, "The Star Spangled Banner"—

MME. LEAH LEASKA, accompanied by the Portland
Fire Department Band

Address and Placing of Wreath on Memorial—

EDWARD GRENFELL, Chief of the Portland Fire
Department

Song, "The End of a Perfect Day"—

POLICE QUARTETTE

The Benediction—

REV. WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNGSON, D. D.

*Trustees of the David Campbell Memorial and
Medal Fund:*

WALTER S. LONG, President C. A. BIGELOW, Treasurer
W. T. PANGLE, Secretary H. R. ALBEE

Still Undone: Repairs on Firemen's Memorial

By LES COUR

Off his job as a Portland longshoreman and ex-head of that union Francis Murnane is a man with a single purpose—restoring the city's fountains and other historical memorials.

For the past few years, dapper and history-conscious Murnane has spearheaded a campaign that has led to the restoration of Portland's fountains which had fallen into a state of sad disrepair.

But, Murnane points out, there still remains one most important project. This is the David Campbell Firemen's memorial at 18th and W Burnside, the last city fountain which stands forlorn, dirty and disintegrating—a victim of time, the elements and neglect.

And like its brothers before they were repaired by Portland city fathers, the fountain at the David Campbell memorial has been shut off.

Murnane has appealed the case of the Campbell memorial to the city council, which cooperated so admirably to restore other fountains in past years. Commissioner Ormond Bean has been appointed to oversee the project, but so far no move has been made to restore the historic landmark.

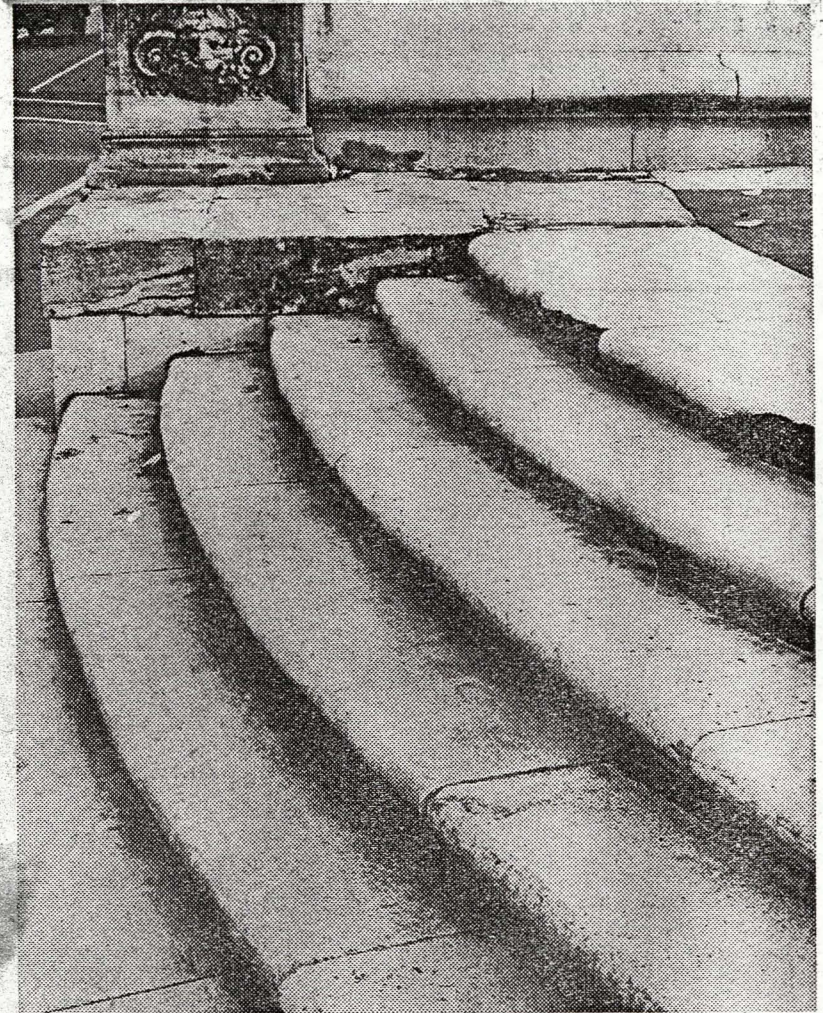
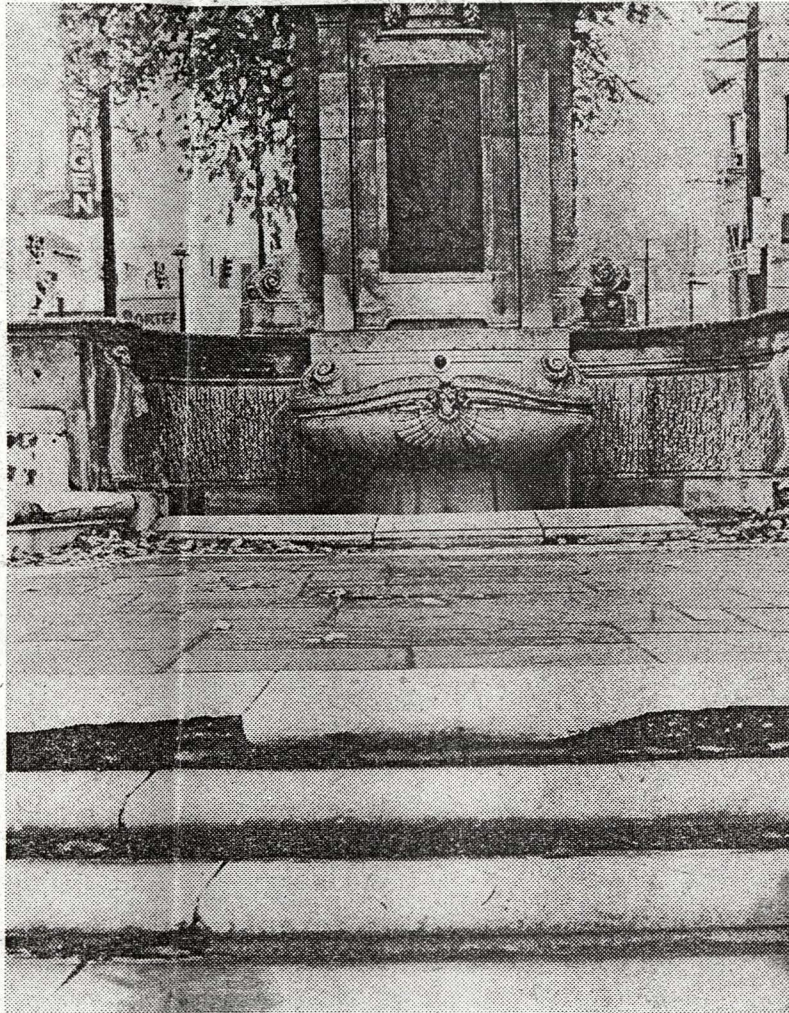
Murnane is apprehensive, fearing the Campbell memorial might succumb to street-aligning progress before the restoration is undertaken.

"We've just this one project to complete and all our fountains will be in good shape," Murnane said. "I want to make sure it isn't put off any longer than necessary."

Murnane pleaded the case of the historic marker before the city council in March of this year.

The fountain is a memorial to Portland Fire Chief David Campbell, who lost his life fighting the Union Oil company fire on June 26, 1911.

It was authorized by the city council on June 13, 1917,



■ All of Portland's fountains, except David Campbell Firemen's memorial shown here, have been restored. Ravages of time show plainly.

and funds for its construction, \$35,000, were raised by public subscription in a campaign promoted by the old Portland Telegram newspaper.

The land was donated by Katherine A. Daly and the beautiful bronze plaque—now tarnished—was done by Avar Fairbanks. The entire memorial was designed by Paul Coet and is made of French limestone cut in Philadelphia.

The memorial was finally dedicated on June 26, 1928.

Concludes Murnane:

"This monument is supposed to honor those who lost their lives in the performance of duty, some 28 firemen. Due to gross neglect, most of these men are not so honored."