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EDITOR'S COLUMN

AMERICAN history starts at different times, depending on where the American lives. The West was the great frontier. We have had unbridled growth, fueled by a floodtide of energy industries.

In our City today, we must begin to look to quality urban design, downtown historic preservation and close-in neighborhood housing. The restoration of our inner City is the closest thing to a historic district that still exists.

I met with the Board of Realtors last month to ask them to sponsor an information brochure on our inner city to bring an awareness to our citizens and homeowners of the older structures which still exist, with information on restoration. The Board of Realtors were most enthusiastic. David Wood will chair this project and Fred Holladay will design the brochure.

Preservation can be used as a planning policy to encourage private investment downtown as businesses in older homes rather than the destruction of older homes.

Restoration and rehabilitation projects stimulate creative work by artisans in local building trades and crafts. Our thanks to our local Unions for their continued help with our historical house. However, we still need many carpenters to move rapidly with our restoration. If you are experienced in this line and can volunteer to help us we will be most grateful indeed!

Working together, we can preserve our rich heritage of the past while providing a more livable human environment for the present.

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