

New York City Never Through Process of Modernizing Itself

NEW YORK — (AP) — This is the city that is never through building.

Manhattan Island is like some nursery for baby giants, where the children are continuously rearing up strange new play houses—only to knock down the blocks and start all over again.

A man who spends his entire life in New York City never dies in the same city in which he was born. He has to search in his old age to find the remnants of the town of his boyhood.

It practically takes an act of parliament—or the German Air Force—to change the face of London. But here the pattern of change is a way of life. By the time a building is put up it is already old-fashioned.

They're tearing down the old New York every day. This saddens many an old-timer, but the same thing has been going on for more than three hundred years.

When the famous Flatiron Building was erected on a triangular plot at 22nd and Broadway in 1902 to inaugurate the skyscraper, it quickly became a tourist mecca. Visitors wandered uneasily if it was safe to go into a building 20-stories tall.

At that time its Madison Square site was the most fashionable in town. Gay blades hung out at the windy corner to ogle the breezes. Cops shooed them away, and there is a theory that this explains the phrase "Twenty-three Skidoo," popular in grandpa's day.

Now Only a Memory

Today the Flatiron Building is passed by untouched. It isn't even on the list of the 40 tallest structures here. And the 60-story Terra Cotta Woolworth building, hailed as a cathedral of commerce in 1913, is topped by five other business towers.

Fifty years or more ago the glamor shopping lane stretched along Broadway from 14th to 23rd streets. Then it moved over to Fifth Avenue and toward Central Park, crowding out the mansions of the wealthy.

Today the red stone palace in which Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt entertained international society is gone—torn down to make way for an office building. The only holdout along Fifth Avenue is the old Jay Gould home, and it's been turned into an antique shop.

No, Little Old New York just doesn't exist any more. And this year the City Planning Commission, created a decade ago to give some direction to the city's growth, has just proposed that the city spend \$317,056,203 next year to modernize itself still more.

This is only one item in "Little Old New York's" billion-dollar budget. In 1890 Benjamin Harrison spent only \$318,041,000 to run the entire United States.

Sutherland P-T Club Joins P. T. Association

In response to an address by Mrs. Alvin G. Helgeson, president of the Douglas County Council of Parents and Teachers, on the advantages of joining the National Association, the Sutherland Parent-Teachers Club, voted to affiliate with the Parent-Teachers Association at its meeting Sept. 30.

A membership drive, with Mrs. James Lang as chairman, was inaugurated. She announced a campaign will be carried on by both the high school and the grade school, with a \$5 prize awaiting the class or room obtaining the most memberships.

At the request of Mrs. Harry Chenoweth, former Girl Scout leader, the P.T.A. voted to sponsor the Sutherland Girl Scout troops.

The program for the evening included the flag salute, led by Harriet Riggs, a Girl Scout; song by Miss Joyce Sheffel, "Miss Roseburg" of 1948, and the awarding of the room count prize, a dollar, to the senior class.

Mrs. Isabel Card, president of the club, presided.

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Republican Majority in Clatsop County in Half

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 9—(AP)—The Republican registered voters' majority in Clatsop County has been cut nearly 50 per cent, figures released by the county clerk's office revealed today.

A record number of voters—14,495—have signed up for the

November election and reduced the Republican 1947 margin of 818 to 467.

Republicans, who had 6,892 registered voters last year, gained only 497 new registrants while Democrats increase 848 over the 6,074 registered last year.

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