

Congress Passes Measure to Preserve Historic Buildings, Sites by Acquiring Properties

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A saving influence for historic buildings and sites of significance—like the Lee mission structures, Fort Vancouver, Aurora and eastern Oregon ghost towns—is provided in a measure recently passed by congress. It would prevent further destruction or desecration of such spots.

Word of approval of the National Trust for Historic Preservation came from U. S. Sen Guy Cordon to David Duniway, state architect. Viewing with dismay the rush of "progress," even more destructive than World War II, the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings inaugurated the legislation. Its aim is to save for posterity, for students and for general interest the locations that are considered shrines of America's heritage. It would seek to prevent their yielding to parking lots, service stations and hotels.

Under the legislation, the national trust, administered by a public board, would aid in securing desired properties and in administering those owned by it or by communities or quasi-public organizations.

Expense Burdensome

While some shrines have already been purchased by cities or by civic groups, such as the Oregon City home of Dr. John McLoughlin, the expense of maintenance and operation often has proved too burdensome. In such situations, where aid is sought, the national trust could step in and contract with the owner in order to enable use by the public.

The trust could secure title to property by gift, purchase or legacy.

Program in England

Such a program has been in operation for many years in England where the trust has protected and saved numerous castles, noted homes and battlefields, and such spots as the mysterious and ancient Stonehenge.

Under some circumstances present owners or occupants of an old home would not be evicted, but might retain a portion for living quarters during their lifetime.

Because of the growth of inheritance, gift and income taxes, according to Duniway, only a procedure on this order can save or restore the shrines, many of which have fallen into unappreciative private ownership.

"As Destructive as War"

While the United States was spared the bombs which destroyed

Slow Decline in Farm Prices Seen for 1950

By Ovid A. Martin

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (AP)—The early-bird bureau of agriculture economists tonight peered far ahead into 1950 and said: "A further slight reduction in economic activity and a relatively slow decline in prices appear likely."

The bureau, making its annual forecast of business conditions for the year ahead, explained that its survey does not take into account things that can't be appraised at this time such as the effect of unforeseen international developments or prolonged basic work stoppages.

In a report yesterday, the bureau also tossed in the observation that a number of factors would help maintain "fairly high economic activity" next year, despite the probable small downturn.

The bureau is usually one of the first private or public agencies to take a stab each year at foretelling the economic year ahead.

Its more detailed predictions included:

Spending May Slacken
Consumer spending may slacken further as backlog demands for automobiles are reduced.

Employment Will Decline Slightly
Both farm prices and cash receipts may drop another 10 per cent, with net farm income declining more than that as production costs stay high.

Mildly Depressing
The effect of foreign currency devaluation on U. S. foreign trade is likely to be a mildly depressing influence.

Construction Boom
The residential construction boom supplemented by increasing public housing, is expected to continue near this year's level.

Distribution of Wealth
Distribution of almost \$3,000,000,000 in veterans' insurance refunds—anticipated for the first half of the year—will tend to maintain consumer spending in that period.

To Decline Further
The proportion of consumer spending for food may decline further. A smaller portion is being spent for food this year than last and during the war. But it still is larger than before the war.

Government Spending
Government spending is expected to increase through at least the first half of the year, though at a slower rate than this year. Unless defense requirements should become greater, present programs indicate a tapering off in government spending in the latter part of the year.

Crop Reduction
Crop reduction is likely to be down significantly. The government is setting up new production controls to hold down surpluses.

Spending by State and Local Governments
Spending by state and local governments for school, highway and other improvements is likely to increase, but at a slower rate than this year. Postwar programs for such improvements were said to be still large.

Truman Delays Signing Farm Measure; Gives Rise to Jitters

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (AP)—President Truman's delay in acting on the controversial farm price-support bill whipped up speculation on Capitol Hill today.

Senate Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill.) told a reporter that he still is confident "President Truman will sign the bill into law."

But other farm-minded lawmakers were becoming jittery. Congressional clerks said official copies of the hard-fought senate-house price prop compromise went to the White house on October 20. The president has 10 days to sign or veto a bill, excluding Sundays.

But when congress has adjourned, a measure dies by "pocket veto" if it is not approved within the deadline. That would be either Monday or Tuesday midnight depending on White house determination.

Senator Anderson (D-NM), former secretary of agriculture under President Truman, in a separate interview said: "I am very hopeful that the president will sign it."

Lengthy White house consideration of a complicated piece of major legislation is not unusual.

Normally by this time, however, congressional leaders who played a major role on an important bill are tipped off as to its future. Often they are invited in advance to the White house to witness the official signing.

Neither Lucas nor Anderson had been advised along this line, they told a reporter.

It is known that the White house has called for details and confidential estimates from the director of the budget, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and Secretary of Commerce Sawyer.

Clerk Shoots Boy in Eye Accidentally

POMPTON PLAINS, N.J., Oct. 30 (AP)—A 14-year-old boy, making Halloween faces outside a hardware store, was shot in the eye tonight by a clerk who thought he was using blank cartridges, police said.

The injured youngster, David Worden, was rushed to Paterson General hospital where his condition is listed as serious.

Patrolman Edward Kough said the clerk, Warren Hopper, 18, thought he would scare the grimacing youngster. Hopper, he said, picked up a .22 calibre rifle and loaded it from a box of blanks.

He fired once, reloaded, fired again and a bullet went through the window glass and hit young Worden, the policeman related.

Kough said he examined the rest of the box from which Hopper had picked his shells and found all blank cartridges.

The shooting was listed as accidental and no charges were placed against Hopper.

Brooks Man Still in Critical Condition

OREGON CITY, Oct. 30 (Special)—William F. Lensch, 75, Brooks, remained in critical condition at Hutchinson General hospital in Oregon City Sunday night. He was taken there with a skull fracture and two leg fractures incurred in a highway accident near Oregon City Saturday. A four-car pile-up in heavy fog caused the wreck.

The shooting was listed as accidental and no charges were placed against Hopper.

Key State Elections Provide Mass Test of Voter Sentiment

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (AP)—Elections in half a dozen states next week grabbed the national spotlight today as the first mass test of voter sentiment in a year.

On Tuesday, November 8, New York elects a U. S. senator and a house member, California a house member, and New Jersey a governor.

With the 1950 battle to capture congress fast approaching, the drift of voter sentiment will be studied closely in these, and in a variety of other contests. Those features:

1—Proposed constitutional amendments to repeal the poll tax as a voting requirement in Virginia and Texas after hot campaigns to beat congress to the punch. Five other Dixie states still have a poll tax.

2—Soldier bonus propositions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey which if approved by the voters would add \$805,000,000 to the outlay now going to veterans in about a dozen states.

3—Virginia's election of a governor. She joins New Jersey and Kentucky in choosing state legislators.

4—Majority elections in cities like New York, Albany, Buffalo, Syracuse, Louisville, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Providence and Nashville.

Democrats say they are fairly confident of winning all three races for the senate and house. These are all special elections to fill vacancies, but are being held coincident with the usual off-year November voting.

Hope to Elect Dulles
Republican strategists here are placing their highest hopes on electing John Foster Dulles over Herbert H. Lehman, former democratic governor, as New York senator for the year remaining in

B-1 Shortage In Diet Causes Brain Damage

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30 (AP)—Experiments indicating that a shortage of vitamin B-1 in the diet can cause extensive damage to the brain were reported today by three University of California medical researchers.

Monkeys repeatedly deprived of the vitamin were found to have degeneration in brain centers called basal ganglia. These ganglia are little concentrations of nerve tissue beneath the surface of the brain. Often they are involved in cases of shaking palsy.

The experiments were done by Dr. James F. Reinhardt, Dr. Louis D. Greenberg and Melvin Friedman, and reported in the Archives of Pathology, a medical journal.

Previous research on lower animals showed B-1 deficiency led to degeneration of some parts of the brain and nerves, enlargement of the right side of the heart, degeneration of heart muscle and of nerve fiber in the heart, and interference with the production of red blood cells.

All these things also happened to the monkeys, the researchers said. They used monkeys because they resemble humans more than do the animals previously tested.

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Valley Obituaries

Mrs. Estelle M. Smith

HAYESVILLE Funeral services for Mrs. Estelle Marie Smith, 57, Hayesville, will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the W. T. Rigdon chapel. She died Friday at a Salem hospital having been seriously ill for a month.

She was born on a ship in San Francisco bay on March 3, 1892, the daughter of Irish immigrants who settled in Denver, Colo. In 1924 she came to Oregon, marrying Scott E. Smith in 1929.

For several years Mrs. Smith was employed as bookkeeper at the McDonald Auto Co. in Salem. Mr. Smith operates a repair shop in Hayesville.

Surviving besides the widower are four children, Ervin R. Smith, Hayesville; Mrs. Viola Nelson and Leo Smith, both of Newport; and Elmer L. Smith, Astoria; also 17 grandchildren.

Arizona Jail Escapee Seen In Arkansas

BEEBE, Ark., Oct. 30 (AP)—A man answering the descriptions of one of five desperadoes who escaped from a Phoenix, Ariz., jail was seen near here today.

Several Arkansas state police troopers, peace officers and armed citizens formed a posse to track down the man. The search centered in the rugged hill country five miles north of here.

Deputy Sheriff Mack Edwards said the man being sought was identified by a farm family as Jack Tatum, 26, the only survivor of the Oct. 22 jail break.

Edwards said Bennie Huff had given the man breakfast at his house early today and described him as "a tough character."

The deputy said Huff told this story: The man had spent the night in his barn and had asked for a meal this morning. After eating the stranger asked the direction to the main highway. He then started walking in the opposite direction, moving through fields and wooded areas.

Huff became suspicious and notified officers.

Deputy Edwards said Huff and his wife identified the stranger as Tatum from an information circular put out by the FBI.

New Hormones Shrink Cancer

NEW YORK, Oct. 30 (AP)—A discovery that two new hormones can shrink certain types of cancer was reported to the American Cancer Society today.

How long the shrinkage may last is unknown. But these hormones appear to have opened a new field of medicine.

The hormones are the same sensational remedies which earlier this year were discovered to give dramatic relief to arthritis, gout and rheumatic fever. They are cortisone and acth, the first a product of the adrenal glands in the back, the second the governor of those glands.

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Pre-Halloween Vandals Active

Ghoulish vandals who desecrated markers and a vault at IOOF cemetery here were the object of the Salem police department's first Halloween investigation Sunday night.

Two uprooted metal markers from graves of infants and a pillow-shaped headstone were discovered in brush along a road near the cemetery by a patrolman at 8:05 p. m.

Further checking disclosed that two monuments had been overturned and entry of a crypt attempted. Glass panes from a window and door of the vault were broken. Iron bars on the door were bent in an unsuccessful attempt to pry it open.

It was one of several pre-Halloween escapades that came to police attention.

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