



COMING ALIVE IN '65

1964 bowed out for posterity, pregnant with promise for 1965. Riverhead has been chosen as the site for the World's first combination nuclear water desalination and electric generating facility. Plans were revealed for a new, North-South road that will by pass Riverhead thus relieving its awful traffic conjection. Hollis Warner's, one of Long Island's worst slums, has been cleaned out and plans for a County & Town Park on this site should start to take shape now. Riverhead's first Industrial Commission has been formed and should be moving full speed ahead soon.

These are just a few of the good things that happened during 1964. They did not happen through mere chance but due to the hard work and foresight of Supervisor Robert Vojvoda. Supervisor Vojvoda made a lot of campaign promises but has been a quiet worker since Election Day. So quiet, in fact, that people were beginning to wonder what he was doing to carry out his campaign pledges. We congratulate Bob Vojvoda on his recent achievements toward getting Riverhead moving on the right track to prosperity instead of stagnating toward poverty.

We hope everyone on Eastern Long Island will do their part in 1965 toward making this area a progressive, prosperous place to live; that they will welcome newcomers with an open heart and helping hand; and that they will take a more active interest in their local government to guarantee that the November elections of 1965 reap a harvest of bright, able public servants.

AND WHY NOT?

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

Your paper has wide coverage in this area. I did not realize this until I heard many people refer to things they have seen in it. Would you run a little item for us Girl Scouts of Troop #23 of the South Suffolk G.S. Council?

For many years they have been working on the dunes of our shore front, trying to build up with old Christmas trees. Nothing has been done with the beach from Smith

Point Park (Shirley) Eastward. This year the Senior Girl Scouts of our council are trying to make the public aware of the need for them to donate their trees to this worthy cause.

The Senior Girl Scouts of our troop. have made a few posters and have handbills to distribute this week to try to advertise it. We are asking the people of Center Moriches to help us by bringing thier old trees to a depot being set up at Helm's Florist on West Montauk Highway in Center Moriches, on or before January 9th which is the deadline for pickup. OR--if people would put thier trees out in front of thier homes they can be picked up with the garbage pickup.

Anything you can say to help us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Troop #23 Advisor
Mrs. Paul Meyer

Dear Mr. Willmott:

In reference to Mr. Lally's letter of two weeks ago and Mr. Joe Worrell's/snswer this past week I have only one comment to submit. Mr. Worrell's letter reeks of subservience, and I wonder why he didn't sign it "A humble employee" instead of merely " An employee ". Also has he explored the possibility of people in the labor movement passing on ten dollars per week to corperations like Studebaker to prehent corporations like Studebaker to prevent them from moveing to Canana and paying sub - standard wages? I understand U.S. Steel has raised the prise of steel \$6.00 per ton to meet the urgent needs of steel workers anticipated in the coming negotiations. Isn't this a bit preposterous really? I for one have looked into the financial statements of many of our large

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Willmott's and Why-Nots

BY DAVID J. WILLMOTT, Editor

THE BANKRUPT SOCIETY

President Johnson has his "Great Society" and Governor Rockefeller is aiming to make New York "A Bankrupt Society". In his opening address to the Legislature he out socialized the Democrats now dominating the State lawmaking body. Gone is his let's pretend we're on a pay as you go basis. In its place were promises and wishes for a bigger slice of the money pie for everyone.

EDUCATION: Raise school aid from \$500 per pupil to \$600 per pupil - overall cost of program would be \$97,000,000. Here on the Eastern end of the Island we already pay in much more than we get back. So all we can look forward to are higher taxes.

MUNICIPAL AID: System of state payments to local governments to pay for municipal services and bureaus to be doubled - cost \$100,000,000. Why not let local government raise their own revenue.

POLLUTION: A massive \$1,700,000,000 program to purify our polluted waters. Why not pass and enforce stricter controls to prevent industries from dumping waste into the water; ban detergents that sand can not filter out; and encourage individual towns to develop sewer systems that solve this problem.

WELFARE: An increase of \$90,000,000 to meet rising Welfare costs. We are happy to note that Governor Rockefeller has noticed the incogruity of increasing welfare rolls occuring simultaneously with a rising economy and has ordered an investigation to look into it. We hope this investigation will lead to a complete revamping of our Welfare Program.

JOBLESS PAY: Increase workmen's compensation, disability benefits, and unemployment payments by \$5 a week. Estimated cost is between \$23,000,000 and \$26,000,000. We suggest a complete revamping of this we pay you for not working system as outlined in the January edition of The Readers Digest.

MINIMUM WAGE: Rockefeller wants to raise the minimum wage from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour. Think such a raise will only cause an increase in the unemployment rolls. That it will do away with even more jobs for the unskilled man or woman. That it will cause the small businessman to hire fewer and fewer people.

PENSIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES: Rockefeller would make the state employees pension system non-contributory at a cost to all taxpayers of \$3,000,000. Why should everyone besides a state employee have to contribute to his pension plan? Why should the rest of us have to foot the entire bill for state pensions? This would be grossly unfair.

We agree with Governor Rockefeller's Full Crew Law, which repeals the full crew laws that set the number of men required in train crews; his request for \$4,000,000 program to fight narcotic addiction; his promised acceleration of highway construction; improvement of law enforcement; and his suggestion on Ethics for the legislators.

If Governor Rockefeller is given all he asked for in his State of the State Address, New York State will become known as a state of collective government. A bankrupt state at that. And Why Not.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

January 7, 1965

Dear Mr. Willmott:

It is hard for me to answer a letter like Mr. Marino's. He really doesn't answer any questions because the truth is without answer. He more or less conglomerated a lot of sentences without any thought behind them. But let me start by asking: isn't it better to get the ten dollars per week less and keep your job and your pride than to become another burden to the country by being on unemployment or welfare? Apparently Mr. Marino doesn't know that the corporations of this country are owned by the people, many of which will depend on them during their retiring years. If corporations are prevented from making profits which are distributed among stockholders, the stockholders will cease investing and hence

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GOOD NEWS

Mr. Joseph Coleman, President of the Central Suffolk Hospital Association, announced that a house doctor will now be on hand to cover emergency calls on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday and every night of the week. The remainder of the week emergency calls are handled by practicing physicians of our area who have hospital duty or who are in the hospital attending their patients. We were very happy to hear of this important addition to the staff of Central Suffolk Hospital. However, there is still a big void in emergency home care when one's personal physician cannot be reached. Daily newspapers in the City have recently publicized the existence of an emergency doctors service in New York City. Suffolk has no such service. It needs one or something to fill the gap when a doctor is away, out or busy and a patient should not be moved to the hospital. We hope an answer will be found in the near future to this problem of emergency home care. It is up to the community as well as the doctors to find a solution, the sooner the better. And Why Not?

DIG WE MUST NOT

The Steers Sand and Gravel Corporation tried to soft sell Wading River and Shoreham residents this past week on the idea of having their backyard turned into a huge sand pit. Most residents were not in a buying mood to have the western end of Wading River transformed into a gigantic sand hole - bustling with machinery and commercial activity.

The Wading River-Shoreham area depicts to most of us a little bit of old New England and is one of the nicer spots on Long Island. It has been developed as a planned community. Most plots of land are a minimum of one-half acre and many exceed an acre. The people who have built here have because of what the area had to offer in scenery and landscape. We are sure few of them foresaw a sand pit in their future when they made this lifetime investment.

We urge the Brookhaven Town Board not to down zone this land from residential to allow this sand mining operation. All residents of this area

should turn out to protest such a down zoning at the public hearing on January 25th at the Brookhaven Town Planning Board. Make your voices heard by the Town officials if you want to continue enjoying life in the Shoreham-Wading River communities. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

East Marion, N.Y.
January 14, 1965

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am sure many readers have read, with interest, the letters between Mr. Worrell and Mr. Marino which have appeared in your columns. I sympathize with Mr. Worrell's difficulty in answering Mr. Marino on the matter of Labor Unions and the minimum wage problem. I hope that Mr. Worrell can find some consolation in the fact that no one else has been able to stay the fantastic degredation of American labor, which continues to take place. It is almost unbelievable, for instance, that 40,000 featherbedders who ride in the fireman's seat of diesel locomotives annually cost American railroads over \$200,000,000 for absolutely no useful service.

Indeed, there is nothing wrong with more pay for less work, and the technological revolution has allowed much of this to happen and more progress is inevitable in the future. The evil is done, however, when labor leaders foster the theory that anyone has the right to do

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