



## UNITY MAKES STRENGTH

English has always been the official American language. Immigrants from all over the world have come to this country to build a better way of life. Some spoke German, some Spanish, while others conversed only in Chinese. However, whatever their native tongue all had to learn the English language in order to vote. Now, the Senate has amended the voting rights bill so that American citizens illiterate in English will be able to vote if they can show proof of an 8th grade education in any state, the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico. This amendment is supported by both New York State senators and Congressman Lindsay, recently announced candidate for New York City mayor. We contend that their motives are political rather than humanitarian. Necessity is the mother of learning. Most of us have spent many years of learning a foreign language only to have it go to waste because we never need to use it. Immigrants to all countries acquire the native tongue much faster when their survival depends upon it. Moreover, in order for any country to grow and prosper its citizens must be able to communicate with each other. How can our citizens vote intelligently when they cannot understand what the candidate is saying or read about the issues. Any linguistic expert would testify that the original meaning is often lost through translation. We urge you to protest to Senator Kennedy and Senator Javits and to ask Congressman Otis Pike to defeat this amendment to the voting rights bill when it comes before the House. All United States citizens should be able to speak English if they are to exercise their franchise. And Why Not?

## RIGHT TO WORK

President Johnson urged Congress to repeal the "right to work" laws of the Taft Hartly Act. Organized labor threw their whole hearted support behind Johnson in the past election. The President obviously feels he must support their cause now.

The right to work laws are in section 14-b of the Taft Hartly Act. They allow a man who is non-union to work in a unionized company. Labor wants a closed union shop. It wants to deny the individuals' right to be non-union. This is wrong. No one should be forced to belong to or not belong to any organized labor, social, or business organization. This Country's greatness is founded on individual enterprise, freedom, and human dignity. Society

and organizations are to serve man not man the society or organizations. Johnson and Congress should not allow themselves to be pressured into giving away one more of our freedoms - the right to work.

## SHEER VANDALISM

This past Sunday some young hoodlums tore apart the irrigation system of the County Center. Such sheer vandalism is a disgrace. Are some of our youngsters so bored with living and so valueless that they must wantonly destroy in order to get a few kicks out of life? What kind of parents bring up children who have no respect for property that is not theirs? We hope their parents and the Courts will cooperate and deal effectively with these problem children. Delinquents often grow into criminals if they are not straightened out.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



April 29, 1965

Gentlemen:

I have just read your editorial and the letter in your column regarding the parking facilities in the town of Riverhead.

While I heartily agree with the sentiments voiced therein, I would like to enlighten your readers as to where the responsibility lies.

It is not the responsibility of the town to provide parking facilities for the local merchants, it is their own responsibility. Why should the Taxpayer be assessed for the privilege of shopping in the town? This is a service that a business must provide for its customers in order to bring them to his place of business. He cannot expect others to pay

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## TOURISM IS AN INDUSTRY

Recently it was reported that our County Executive H. Lee Dennison is against the use of public monies to promote the Tourist Industry. He feels that tourism in Suffolk is a private enterprise and should be publicized with private monies.

Contrary to Dennison we feel tourism is one of the biggest industries of Suffolk even western Suffolk with the new, large Fire Island National Park. Visitors bring in millions of dollars every year without causing vast changes to the area as hard industry does. Hard industry looks for the receives tax concessions. It brings thousands of families whose children swell our school systems. Everyone's taxes soar higher and higher to pay for the needed, new schools and recreational facilities. The Tourist Industry brings millions of people to visit and enjoy our natural resources. This industry sells fun, sun, and relaxation. It causes more restaurants, motels, and larger stores to be built. It utilizes wasted land while preserving our natural, beautiful landscape.

Tourism is as much an industry as building planes or electronic parts is. It demands a working public relations firm as all industry does to be prosperous and to promote harmonious community relations. Tourism produces workers with jobs usually drawn from the local, labor market. It raises everyone's income directly and indirectly. It occupies space and pays real estate taxes (restaurants, motels, etc.). It has all the characteristics of industry and deserves the help of our county, state and national governments.

Right now, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson is spearheading a movement to beautify our cities, roadways, and to preserve our natural magnificence such as the Grand Canyon and our majestic ocean beaches. The President, himself, recently urged that Americans enjoy America first and then far away places. Many states have very effective Chambers of Commerce who consistently do a great job of advertising their tourist attractions.

Tourism is recognized as the third largest industry in the United States. More and more public funds are being spent on bigger and better roads not only for commuters but for the millions of Americans who spend their annual vacations touring our breathtaking countryside, beaches, quaint villages, and fascinating cities.

The largest city in the world, New York City,

where temperatures soar daily into the 90° and the quickest way to cool off is to dive into an air conditioned apartment, office, movie, or restaurant is a summer festival.

Everyone of our state, national, and county parks are supported by public funds. Dennison backed all the wetland acquisitions for recreational enjoyment and the recent conversion of private property to the Fire Island National Park. Our taxes paid for these purchases. Our taxes are paying for the jetties that are being built on the South Shore to preserve our beaches and private homes along Dune Road. Why shouldn't our tax money be used for publicity so that we can reap a return on our investments? For Americans are public investors in all natural resources of the United States.

We urge Mr. Dennison to leave his office and travel to Eastern Suffolk and ask the merchant, the real estate agent, the restaurant owners, the kids looking for jobs, the domestics, the school teachers, and any and everyone how much tourism effects their business and job opportunities. We hope our County Executive will reconsider before the next County Board meeting. Tourism needs Suffolk County's support . . . and Suffolk County needs the support of a prosperous Tourist Industry if the whole County is to grow progressively while retaining its serene and quaint milieu and natural resources. And Why Not?



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 27, 1965

Dear Sir:

We would like to publicly express our thanks and appreciation to one of the finest persons in the town of Riverhead, Dr. George A. Goode, D.V.M.

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## BAD POLITICS

Suffolk County Democratic leader Lawrence Delaney recently exerted his political pressure to kill two bills in Albany. These bills would have created very badly needed judgeships. Mr. Delaney appears to have done this in retaliation against Cromarty's refusal to nominate a judge with bipartisan support. Neither Cromarty nor Delaney care a great deal that Suffolk County has a terrific backlog of legal cases to be tried in the Courts. The present number of judges cannot take care of the huge number of cases that have accumulated. We desperately need more judges. How could Cromarty and Delaney use the creation of new judgeships merely as a political football. Our two party system is supposed to insure good government and a lawful civilization not to destroy public respect for elected and appointed officials because of such political travesties.

Judgeships must be more than political weapons in the hands of the machine. They must be filled by men of character and wisdom not just by men who deserve to be rewarded by the party. The people should elect their judges. They should have a choice of two able men put up by the Democratic and Republican parties.

We are all Americans first and Democrats and Republicans second. Delaney and Cromarty should both reverse their positions and cooperate to create sorely needed judgeships for Suffolk County, and then allow the people of this county to decide who they want to judge them. And Why Not?

## GREATER YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

This past week many businesses received a letter and brochure from the Secretary of Commerce outlining President Johnson's Youth Opportunity campaign. It is an appeal to employ more young people during their summer vacations. It stated that government agencies have been instructed to hire one young person for every 100 temporary persons employed.

We have no doubt that young men and women of college and high school age should be occupied during the summer months whether they be needed at home or on a job. However, we didn't realize that big and little business had been turning young

people away. In fact a few short years ago we always found temporary summer employment and so did all our friends. The federal government seems to be just butting into another phase of private life. Ironically President Johnson urges that young unskilled boys and girls be hired while at the same time he wants the minimum wage to be raised to \$1.50. What small business (aside from the summer resort business) can afford temporary unskilled help at \$1.50 an hour? Are our taxes supporting a government grown so big and bureaucratic that its directives are contrary to present legislation before Congress? Does the American way of life need so many government suggestions and interference in order to flourish as a democracy?



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May 18, 1965

Dear Mr. Willmott:

We are thoroughly grateful for the coverage you gave the Columbiettes of Immaculate Conception Council for their Annual Communion Breakfast held on March 28, 1965.

We all want to congratulate you on the wonderful work of your weekly newspaper. We would like to know if we could purchase the prints of the other pictures that were not published, for our scrap book. Thanking you again.

Yours truly,  
Elizabeth Brace  
Corresponding Secretary  
Immaculate Conception  
Columbiettes

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## A SURE BET

We are happy to note that New York may soon have a state run lottery to help pay for the high cost of education. We have long endorsed such a lottery or legalizing off track betting as a means of gleaning greatly needed revenue to educate all our youngsters in the best schools and by the best teachers. We hope Governor Rockefeller will change his mind and not veto the measure. However, the measure has been passed by such an overwhelming majority that even with his veto a state run lottery may soon be a reality. We heartily endorse this action and are sure our readers do likewise. And Why Not?

## NIGHT AND DAY

The Riverhead Merchants Division is sponsoring a night with the Mets at Shea Stadium, Wednesday, June 30th. This year the merchants under the capable direction of Abe Millman offered free transportation and admission tickets to 40 lucky dads to stimulate Fathers Day sales. The promotion was a gigantic success. The Mets game the trip has attracted many residents beyond the lucky 40 dads. As a result five additional buses have been reserved which will accommodate 250 people and Shea Stadium has designated this eve as Riverhead Night. Round trip tickets and the price of admission come to only \$5.00. Any one interested should contact the Merchants Division through its member stores in Town. Hurry - first come, first served for this fun filled night. Support your home town merchants and see the Mets play ball, June 30th.

Supervisor Robert Vojvoda announced recently that August 19th will be Riverhead Day at the New York World's Fair. The Long Island Railroad will provide cars for about 1000 riders and is co-sponsoring the Day at the Fair. Many of the Town bands and entertainment groups will perform at the New York State pavillion. Total price is \$5.00 for adults and a reduced price for children. This low sum includes Fair admission and train fare. Plan now to participate in both these community activities. Don't forget June 30th its the Mets game and trip and August 19th is Riverhead Day at the World's Fair. And Why Not?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



June 1, 1965

Dear Editor:

I am writing you to let you know that I think the new shopping center in Riverhead is great. I have only one complaint and that is that I think before all the stores are completed couldn't they please put rest rooms in at least one store in the shopping center, even if they have to put in the pay ones as I know how some people misuse them.

When a family goes out of town to shop and can not find a rest room only at a gas station which you feel obligated to buy gas it becomes quite a problem. I know this was a terrible problem in the village (a big store like Woolworths have only rest rooms for the Employees. I thought all eating places by law were to have rest rooms. So anyhow I finally went to Patchogue to the Floyd Bennett store and spent half a day, there were no problems of rushing out to find a rest room. I know that I couldn't be the only one to complain, although maybe the only one to write, as anyone can see this is a problem, when you have to shop and most of us can not shop in 15 minutes.

If you print this in your paper please omit my name.

Sincerely,  
Name Withheld

P.S. I want to praise you on your very nice paper. It has many interesting things plus wonderful pictures that you can see clearly. I look forward to the Suffolk Life every week.

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## YEAR ROUND HAZARD

Many of your formerly wide open streets have turned into residential areas, but cars and trucks still travel over them at high speeds making them death traps for all small children and pedestrians. Very few streets in our Towns have sidewalks, so little ones walk in the road coming to and from school, the store or a playmates house; the mother pushing a baby carriage walks in the road and so does the careless traveler.

When are our Towns going to post a few signs about reducing speed? When are the drivers, young and old, going to stop barreling through village roads at high speeds?

Let's drive safely over the Fourth of July and the rest of the year.

## HOLIDAY FOR DEATH

With the squeal of the wheels, a can of brew in your hand, and a cute girl tucked under your arm you are off to celebrate the big July 4th weekend. Unfortunately, the driver of this car and his companions often end up their holidaying in the hospital or morgue. Tragically, they bring the innocent family or person with them. Whether you travel to and from the country club, local ginmill, or house party drinking while driving leads to slaughter on the roads. There's no excuse for reckless driving just because you feel gay and carefree. Prolong your enjoyment of life and others, too, by remembering the rules of the road and being a responsible driver.

## SUMMER OF HISTORY

Southold and Southampton Towns are celebrating their 325th Anniversaries this summer with special emphasis on their histroic backgrounds. Every hamlet and section of Southold and Southampton will have some fete or parade in commemoration. We residents or Eastern Suffolk are often not aware of how rich our countryside is steeped in tradition and folklore. Long Island is part of New York and New York was one of the 13 original col-

onies. Some settlements in Suffolk date back many centuries.

Did you know that James Fenimore Cooper wrote "Sea Lions" at the Orient Point Inn or that Walt Wittman and Grover Cleveland both stayed there?

There will be barbecues, block parties, square dances, boat parades, Indian tribal dances, Historical society programs, an antique flea market, and many other things to see and do. Bring the family and tell your friends both near and far to visit Southold and Southampton's 325th Anniversary celebration. A wonderful time can be had by all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The largest W. T. Grant on the Eastern Seaboard will open soon on Route 58, Riverhead. Right now they are in the midst of hiring personnel to run this giant shopping complex. There are over 250 positions available from unskilled to skilled labor, from stock clerk to department manager. W. T. Grant prefers to hire local people who are familiar with prospective customer's needs. Wages and working conditions are good. Grant's is an old company with a progressive outlook towards merchandising and personnel practices. Interviews are being held daily at the Riverhead store including Saturdays. Contact Mrs. Valente - any day from 9 AM to 5 PM.

The 3rd-Annual Old Fashioned Family 4th of July Square Dance and Fireworks Show will be held Sunday, July 4th, starting at 7 P.M. at Little Flower House of Providence, Wading River, L. I.

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