



CONSOLIDATION AGAIN

Consolidation of Long Island school districts is in the wind again. James E. Allen, Jr., the State Education Commissioner...

The notion that merging districts, towns, or anything else in sight into what Mr. Allen called "efficient and economical administrative units" is a common one, not restricted to Albany.

This is not creeping socialism, but good old-fashioned empire building. It is an insult to local administrators, school and political; it is an insult to their boards; and finally it is an insult to the taxpayers.

PLENTY OF ROOM

Some members of the New York City Planning Commission, apparently affected by the heat, spent part of August computing just how many people could be jammed on Coney Island's two-and-one-half miles of beach.

Firing up our computers, we estimated that East Hampton Town had 17 1/2 miles of usable ocean beach, just seven times as much as Coney Island.

This gives us an ocean beach capacity of 1,524,202 people for East Hampton Town. The bay beaches, though narrower, would give us room for probably as many again, for a total capacity of 3,048,404 people.

At three people to an automobile, we would need parking room for just over a million cars. Our computer, winding up on a cheerful note, has informed us that East Hampton Town's 45,000 cars would be comfortably parked on 15,075,000 cars, a 1/300th of the figure in hand.

Who said the metropolitan area was running out of space?

Letters To The Editor

LINK WITH INDIA

East Hampton, September 1, 1961

Editor, Star: So often at gatherings, the conversation turns to ways of fighting the advance of communism.

Mr. Henry Mayers, Box 3186, Los Angeles, Cal., has written me that he initiated a plan for us to send our magazines to Asia, after we have read the 11 pages of the same.

"Received the magazines . . . I am so thankful to you for the same that I do not find words to express the gratitude of mine."

"I will go through every page sent by you and hope that it will

'WHAT'S THE USE?'

September 1, 1961

Dear Mrs. Rattray: I enjoy the "Star" so much—and read it from cover to cover—especially the Sea Spray ads, but may I say to Mr. Bayley:

"What's the use of a country if you don't have any people alive in it?"

Yours very truly, MRS. CLIFFORD Q. DOVER

It is possible for me to understand the way of life in your Nation and the Nation itself.

"I am really puzzled how to repay your great kindness at least in part if I could. Would you please like to enjoy some literature from me?"

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Pike's Peak at Capitol

By Congressman Otis Pike

The news that the Soviet Union has resumed the testing of nuclear weapons was not received with any great shock in Washington, and the President's message on the resumption of limited testing by America was not received with jubilation.

Any technological advance which the Soviet Union may gain from the resumption of testing is more than offset by the blow they have received from the continued standstill in the United States had been the first to resume testing, the outcry from such groups as the "non-alignment" movement, which met in Yugoslavia last week would have been tremendous.

Washington is, of course, a prime target. The difficulty of escaping from the nuclear bomb is not by increasing the size of the bomb is met by indifference rather than by terror.

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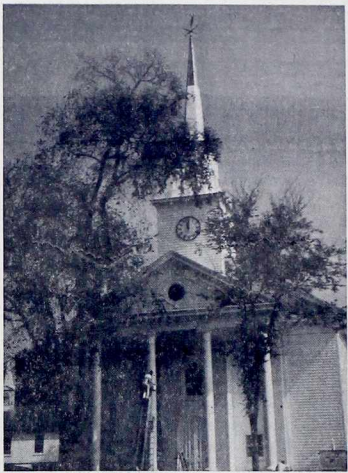
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Before . . .

And After



EAST HAMPTON'S First Presbyterian Church as it appeared before the recent remodeling job. Left above, and after the work was completed. The building was built in 1860, and then had the two steeples, one flat-topped.



the other pointed, in fashion at the time. The building now has the appearance of the typical New England church.

Twenty-five Years Ago . . . . . 1936

From The Star, Sept. 17, 1936

Representative Herbert Hoover was "first hook" on a blushing expedition in Block Island Sound Monday with his former secretary, Lawrence Richey; Lewis Strauss, a member of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and George LeBoeuf, vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Five good-sized bluish were hooked. The trip was made on the fishing yacht Moosego, owned by Harold White of Hampton Bays. Mr. Hoover was in a gaudy mood when he came ashore. After politics had been ruled out by Mr. Richey, the former President discussed his fishing trip with reporters and permitted amateur photographers to snap from all angles.

Acting Secretary of War Malin Craig informed Governor Lehman on Tuesday that he had ordered the Army Air Corps to cease bombing practice over Old Fort Tylor of Gardiner's Island.

Fifty Years Ago . . . . . 1911

From The Star, Sept. 15, 1911

J. T. Gardiner returned from his European trip last week, coming by way of Montreal. Mr. Gardiner started on his trip without an umbrella and during his six week stay had no occasion to use such an article.

It is reported that a number of our young men will next month break away from the army of boot-lacks and join the ranks of the Benedicts. Among them is Percy Schenck, one of our prominent business men, who, it is said, will take for his wife a pretty southern girl, the wedding promises to be a notable event in Brookville, Md., the home of the bride elect.

People who live in the vicinity of the Methodist Church and depend upon the name which surmounts its spire in making their weather program.

Seventy-Five Years Ago . . . . . 1886

From The Star, Sept. 18, 1886

Capt. Wm. H. Squires of Bridge Hampton is master of the three-masted 1,000-ton schooner John R. Bergen, as fine a merchant vessel as sails from New York.

The style of the new silver certificates in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10, is very attractive. The certificates are printed with the same colored ink on the back and face as the greenbacks. The backs are engraved with original designs in gold.

The vignette of the \$1 certificate is a portrait of Martha Washington; that of the \$2 certificate a portrait of General Hancock; that of the \$10 a portrait of Mr. Hendricks; while a portrait of Mr. Tillam is probably adorned the \$5 certificate.

The Misses Jennie and Myrtle Sikes left last week for Mt. Holyoke where they will attend school.

What's New In New York

By DOROTHY QUICK

Up at the Bronx Zoological Park chief diet consists of clams and cream. They are gaining well and are very interesting to watch as they swim and play together.

The Aquarium recently received some queer-shaped and brightly colored tropical fish and two unusual types of marine plants. Dr. Ray helped collect some of them during a nine-day stay in Bermuda. The largest fish, a seven-foot green moray, was the gift of director Lee Mowbray of the Bermuda Government Aquarium.

Last February one of the rarest cranes in the world, the so-called sacred crane of Japan, and a pair of white-necked cranes were presented to the Bronx Zoo as a gift from the Ueno Zoo in Tokyo. It was the first animal exchange under the New York-Tokyo Sister City Affiliation Program worked out last year on the suggestion of Japanese officials.

A number of Japanese visiting New York under an exchange plan have come to the Zoo to see the cranes from Japan. In July the Bronx Zoo made a return shipment to the Ueno Zoo. It included two Cape hunting dogs, wood ducks, snow geese, alyx-headed geese, Cape teal and black-necked swan. All had been bred here.

Whenever you plan a trip to the Zoo or Aquarium, I'm sure you'll find it a very serious one; their

Perhaps the most unusual babies are the three baby walrus and the smallest seal in the Aquarium at Coney Island. I have written about "Ookie" who is still thriving. Carleton Ray, assistant to the director of the Aquarium, tells about his capturing and their return trip by planes from the Arctic to New York.

In Chapter 840 of the Laws of 1911, all motorbuses are to be equipped with an underwater exhaust or muffler, so as to muffle in a reasonable manner the noise of the explosion of gas, gasoline, or naphtha or similar explosive.

The initial rental on the new organ in the Presbyterian Church took place Monday evening last. Miss Grace Dayton, organist.

The regatta on Tuesday at Sag Harbor is the exciting topic of conversation there and many bets have been made on the result.

Mr. Charles Canfield of Amagansett, employed in the Life-saving society, recently lost his purse containing \$24 and papers of value while returning from Sag Harbor. The following day he returned to Sag Harbor and his search and was there informed that Mr. S. Henry Miller had found his purse.

Without delay he called on Mr. Miller who presented him with his money and he went on his way rejoicing and more happy and perhaps wiser than when he left.

Comic rays were discovered by Robert Millikan in 1925 at California Institute of Technology.

Looking Them Over

Early last spring (on March 16) the Star in a postcard picture with a title captioned: Gardiner's Island: What Next?

The question was asked again about three weeks ago by East Hampton people, this time with considerable anxiety in their voices. Robert Moses, President of the Long Island State Park system, who has been known to have his eye on the historic island for a long time, was taken along with about a dozen other officials for a tour over the island by Robert D. L. Gardiner, who with his sister, Mrs. J. Randall Creel, inherited it from their aunt, Miss Sarah Woodard Gardiner in 1933.

Both Mrs. Creel and Mr. Gardiner have said repeatedly that they want to keep the island as it is. It has been since 1939 when the first Long Island Gardiner settled there with his family. Mr. Gardiner, who also owns the beautiful "White House" on East Hampton's Main Street and has been collecting family portraits and furniture there, has said that he and his bride would like to live there for a part of each year.

The island is now leased by a group of sportsmen, "Babery Ventures, Inc.," but their lease will be up on Dec. 31, 1962.

The Gardiner family's decision was a most unique one to this township. Not only because Gardiner's Island is unique in all America as a private possession of the same family for over 200 years, it has been since 1939 when the first Long Island Gardiner settled there with his family. Mr. Gardiner, who also owns the beautiful "White House" on East Hampton's Main Street and has been collecting family portraits and furniture there, has said that he and his bride would like to live there for a part of each year.

The fate of Gardiner's Island concerns us all. It would be a bad day for East Hampton if this splendid heritage should pass out of private ownership.

On Aug. 17 the Star ran an editorial: "Caring For Our Trees," in which it repeated the warning issued by the vigilant Ladies' Village Improvement Society—that although that society has experts on the lookout for the appearance of Dutch elm disease in any tree on our park benches, it cannot examine every tree on private property; owners should be notified of any signs of the disease and have their trees examined.

If any are found to harbor the disease, they should be destroyed at once. If this is not done, the disease may spread to neighboring properties.

The caption of the editorial was a picture of an old Main Street elm, with the caption: "Is This Ancient Elm Doomed?"

Your editor had no idea of implying that this particular tree is infected with Dutch elm disease. What he meant was a general question—are all of our beloved elms, which have been cared for by the L.V.I.S. so tenderly for 65 years, doomed?

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OCCUM DISAPPOINTED:

Dartmouth Was Long Island's Loss, New Hampshire's Gain

Most East Hampton people are familiar with the fact that an Indian, Samson Occum, (or Occom) who taught an Indian school at Montauk for a dozen years and married one of his pupils, Mary Fowler, was the founder of Dartmouth College, in Hanover, N. H.

Occum studied under the Rev. Dr. Samuel Buell, who lived at the corner of Buell Lane and Main Street, East Hampton. He was ordained as a minister in East Hampton on April 29, 1759 by the Long Island Presbytery. In 1765 he went to England and conducted many religious meetings.

He returned in May, 1768, having raised large sums of money in England for the college. He was in New York this money was controlled by Occum's early teacher and advisor, the Rev. John Wheelock of Lebanon, Conn. In 1769 Dr. Wheelock moved his Moor's Charity school to Hanover, N. H., and Dartmouth College was founded.

Not many people here, however, know that it Occum had had his way, the school would have been located on Long Island, and would have been strictly for his fellow Islanders.

A portrait of Occum hangs in the library at Dartmouth College. There is a pond up there named after Occum. But as far as any historical connection with Occum, the college is in England in 1776. Original in the archives department, Dartmouth College Library.

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