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24 September 1973

Mr. Calvin Tomkins The New Yorker Magazine New York N.Y.

Dear Sir:

A New Yorker staff member Betty Guyer (Mrs. Donald Ebel) urged me to write you about your recent Bridgehampton article which she believes will be a part of a future book. So, for what they may be worth, the following are suggestions for your further research:

- p.54 Fire Department. It is said that a former Chief was a black, though his race may not have been generally known.
- p. 59 Community Council. For at least the past 10 years, this has NOT been an "all-white body", nor is it today. To my knowledge, many blacks have been invited to belong and have accepted, but only a few attend meetings. The same is true of many whites.
- p.62 & 65 Turnpike Sidewalk. When this was requested a few years ago, the Southampton Town Board reminded petitioners that such a walk, in existence for years, had fallen into such disuse as to be almost obscured by weeds. Even after the new sidewalk was installed, most children and adults seem to prefer walking in the road.

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- p.71 Black School Board Members. It would seem only fair to interview these two blacks instead of citing only derogatory references to them by Mr. Hopson, and on p. 88 by Mrs. Turner.
- p.72 The Rev. Jackson's Club Membership. Is your statement correct? Though not myself a club member, I understand that this club simply receives membership applications but does not issue invitations. Many people would wonder why Mr. Jackson had been singled out for an invitation, since he is absorbed with his Baptist congregation and takes little part in any other community activities.
- p.83 Sagaponack. This is a completely separate school district, NOT a part of Bridgehampton district.

I trust that you wont take offense at my remarks but will be anxious to check on possible inaccuracies, however slight, before your next effort goes to print.

Your very truly,

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# FIRST REPORT OF THE CONCERNED PARENTS OF BRIDGEHAMPTON JUNE 12, 1973

### I - Introduction

The Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton have collected data regarding the operation of educational facilities in Union Free School District Number Nine (Bridgehampton), which it believes will assist in determining the course which should be taken in the future to assure that a quality education is available here which is reasonably priced and comparable in quality with that offered in our neighboring school districts. The organization has collected data regarding school population, course offerings (including physical education), discipline, physical plant, the cost of education in the district, and the sentiment of district residents. The recommendation of the organization is that the School Board and the residents and voters of the school district give serious consideration to closing the high school part of the school system of Union Free School District Number Nine, and arranging for the education of the high school students of the district in either of the neighboring school districts of East Hampton of Southampton.

### II - School Population

The following chart has been prepared from Annual Census and Enrollment Reports of the New York State Education Department.

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As is clear from the chart, the student population of the district has not changed significantly for approximately thirteen years, and during the same period the percentage of the student population educated outside of the district has increased from 12.3% to 29%. In this latter regard, it should be noted that as of May 14, 1973, the district principal stated that the elementary and high school enrollment at that time, excluding those in the BOCES program, was 296 pupils. Surveys for 1973-74 indicate that the trend toward educating resident students outside of the home district will continue to grow.

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### III - Course Offerings

The following chart reflects the course offerings in the Junior (7th and 8th grades) and Senior High School (9-12th grades) system of Union Free School District Number Nine (Bridgehampton), compared with the course offerings in the same grades in the East Hampton and Southampton School systems, as of the 1972-1973 school year.

#### Bridgehampton

Junior High School . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 subjects required & 2 electives Senior High School . . . . . . . . . . . 8 subjects required & 15 electives

#### Southampton

Junior High School . . . . . . . . . . . 8 subjects required & 5 electives Senior High School . . . . . . . . . . . 6 subjects required & 40 electives

#### East Hampton

Junior High School . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 subjects required & 26 electives Senior High School . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 subjects required & 31 electives

With regard to the Bridgehampton System, it should be noted that electives are not required of a pupil and if a pupil does not enroll in an elective, he or she is assigned to a study hall for the appropriate period.

The pupils in both East Hampton and Southampton must enroll in a certain number of elective courses, in addition to the required courses.

The Bridgehampton School System does not offer a school newspaper, a drama club, foreign language club, and other extra curricular activities found in other school systems. To a great extent this is because the student body is small and it is difficult to find a sufficient number of students who are interested in these activities to sustain them, A notable exception is the Science Club at the Bridgehampton School, which is excellent.

With regard to electives offered in the Bridgehampton High School, it should be noted that only a very limited number of students take part in certain of them. For example, one student this year enrolled in #18 year regents French.

Physical education for girls in the Bridgehampton School System is very limited, and the only inter-scholastic team offered in recent years has been the highly successful basketball team. There are no intramural sports offered. Accordingly, only a limited portion of the student body takes part in physical education to any significant degree.

It should be noted that statistics in the area of the  $cost^2$  of education per pupil are suject to varying interpretation. However, it does appear that it costs more to educate a student in the Bridgehampton School System than in comparable systems and that, because they are bused to neighboring school districts for their high schooling, students in these comparable districts enjoy a wider educational opportunity in their high school years at a lower cost per pupil, including the cost of tuition.

The organization has learned that the tuition charged by East Hampton for high school students during 1973-1974 is \$3200.00, and by Southampton is approximately \$2400.00. The cost of transportation and the loss of state aid are added costs.

Savings to the district by discontinuing Junior and Senior High School in the home district are not substantial and, in fact, the cost of contracting for high school education in neighboring districts may increase the total budget.

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### IV - Discipline

A subcommittee of the Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton has investigated complaints that a discipline problem exists in the Bridgehampton School System. To a certain extent the subcommittee found that there are areas of disciplinary problems. However, the subcommittee believes that whatever discipline problem exists is substantially related to the limited extra curricular activities at the school. Corrollary to this is the amount of free time enjoyed and perhaps abused by a small number of pupils.

### V - Physical Plant

The present school plant was constructed in 1930. Since that time, concepts of education have changed. Today, in contrast to 40 years ago, greater diversity in course offerings is sought, and accordingly, the number of teaching areas required has increased.

While the student population has not increased significantly, the need for more teaching areas has made the old plant workable in many respects. Hence we find that Home Economics is taught in a rented temporary building, there is no art room and no music room, the remedial reading and guidance programs share cramped quarters in one room.

In addition, there is some question whether whatever discipline problems exist at the school are not aggravated by housing all students, K through grade 12, in a single building.

#### VI - The Cost of Education in the District

The organization has discovered that the Bridgehampton School System is somewhat more expensive to operate per pupil than other neighboring districts. The chart on the following page was prepared at the organization's request by James Hines, District Superintendant.

#### VII - The Sentiment of District Residents

The organization conducted a survey of district residents in April, 1973, to determine the sentiment in the community with regard to the question: "Shall this school district discontinue grades 9-12 and contract for the education of its students in these grades in Southampton or East Hampton?" The results of the survey were that 260 residents signed the petition, 232 were in favor of closing these grades and contracting for education in

neighboring districts, 2 were opposed, and 26 requested further information.

#### VIII - Conclusion

The organization known as The Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton offers this information and its recommendation at this time because the members believe that a static school population, decreasing enrollment, limited course offerings, discipline problems, limited physical plant, increasing cost of education, and community sentiment which clearly indicates dissatisfaction with the status quo demonstrate that the educational system in the district is at a critical period in its history. In a very real sense, the school is the heart of the community. The families who choose to settle elsewhere because of problems with our school are families lost to this community's fire department, service organizations, churches, and social life.

The Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton present these facts in order to help make the best possible decisions with regard to our school. The school can be made stronger by reducing the scope of educational services it now offers as a K-12 system to concentrate its limited resources in a K-6 or K-8 system and forwarding its pupils to the excellent high schools in East Hampton and Southampton for the remaining grades.

The months to come will be important to this community and this organization hopes that all residents of the district will join our school board in its efforts to create and maintain the best possible school here for the students and the generations of students to follow.



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Points out that it was a survey rather than a petition.

"Insofar as anything being done in the near future, there is just no possibility. The Southampton school board met and said it would be useless to sit down and discuss taking in the high school students from here, because they were not interested at all. We definitely are opening this fall, and so far as I can see we will continue to operate as a K through twelve school in the foreseeable future."

Have not formally received notice from East Hampton school but they feel the same way as SH.

"The Bridgehampton school board is interested in improving the situation whereever improvements can be made, right here, \*x and in continuing to operate as a K through twelve school."

Re electives, etc.: "If one is realistic, a student going on to college and pursuing a full academic program, the number of subjects he can take outside of his regular preparation is very limited. How many electives can he possibly get? If he wants a foreign language he can get four years of French here and he can get Latin, which we also teach."

"Out of this year's graduating class of twenty we had fourteen going on to college or higher education, and another two who had not heard yet. We're placing between seventy and eig ty per cent of our graduating class. Of course, being a small school, we can't offer the same number of facilities as a much larger school, but that's like comparin apples and bananas..." Advantages of small school - a student can remain an individual - might be lost in bigger one.

#### Future -

Still thinks that centralization will be the eventual solution to many current problems. "At present, this is the only way this school would change its basic offering. The Master Plan says that we are scheduled to centralize with Southampton. But Sputhampton isn't interested, and there's no timetable for centralization."

Eventually it will probably happen. The state is moving toward elimination of smaller high schools. No change in sight yet, though.

#### Maloney - 8/15/73

Both Maloney and LaF agree that Parents Committee was basically white. Maloney says they're concerned mainly with quality of education for the very high rate of tax being paid for it in BH. Hope for a ruling from Albany Dept of Education in Oct or Nov. LaFountain has been "less than helpful," keeps talking about virtues of a small school.

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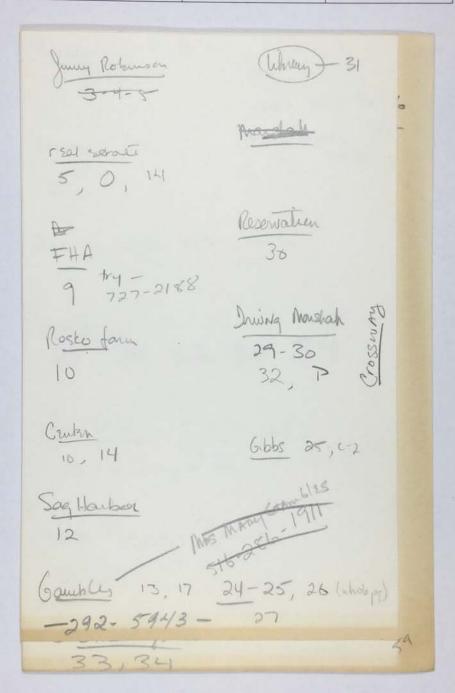
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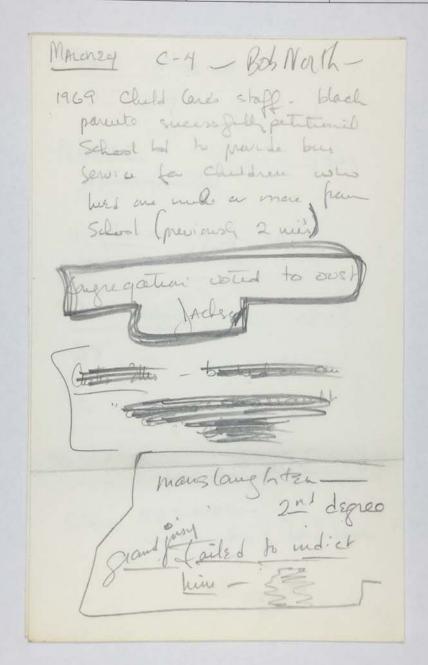
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# Bid to Close High School Sidetracked

The question of closing the Bridgehampton High School - a possibility which apparently appeals to a number of residents - was sidefracked Monday night at the monthly public meeting of the school

Instead, school officials - led by board president Alan Birtwhistle and principal Robert LaFountain - pressed ahead with preparations for the regular annual budget meeting slated for Tuesday, June 12, A special open meeting on the budget is scheduled now for Wednesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Much of the session Monday night centered on the actions of a group of Concerned Parents who last week announced that "ar overwhelming majority" of taxpayers had signed a so-called petition to the board

# **Grant City Alters Lights at Center**

The battery of lights illuminating the giant-sized parking lot at the Grant City shopping center in Bridgehampton have been tilted downward and timed to go off at 10 p.m.

Joseph Langhauser, manager of the store, said in answer to inquiry from this newspaper that a "cherry picker" vehicle did the work last week, as Grant's had requested from the property owner, the Intercoast Development Corp.

The glare of the lights had led to numerous complaints from residents and had produced editorial criticism. They could be seen for miles throughout the night.

Mr. Langhauser said his management, "wishing only to be good citizens in the community," was unaware of the problem the lights would present. When it was called to his attention, he said, Intercoast was informed because the exterior is the landlord's responsibility. "So we put the pressure on Intercoast and they responsaying that they felt the high school should be closed and its 84 students sent to schools in Southampton or East Hampton. A number - perhaps the majority - of the some 30 persons who attended Monday's meeting were members of the Concerned Parents committee.

The apparent upshot of the two-hour confrontation, in which about a dozen parents spoke, was that the board and representatives of the parents organization should communicate more frequently in the

President Birtwhistle noted that the turnout was the largest he had seen at a regular meeting since he had board for the past two years.

The positions of the board president and the school principal seemed to be, primarily, that their responsibility was to provide the best education possible under present circumstances - and that there really wasn't much in the way of an acceptable alternative.

Mr. LaFountain commented, for example, on suggestion that the school closing issue be settled before the budget by saving:

"I'm a little puzzled (by the question) that we might be preparing for naught...It is impossible to prepare a budget based on

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# Church News

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST INBRIDGEHAMPTON SAG HARBOR TURNPIKE Reverend G. L. Thomas, Pastor SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. Church School Classes 11:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Bible Classes TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study Band FRIDAY

closed." The principal also said flatly that "neither school district (Southampton nor East Hampton) wanted us" - referring to the idea of sending Bridgehampton high schoolers elsewhere. He said, at that point, that East Hampton was not in a position to accept another 100 students, and in (Continued on page 20)

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Southampton "the population has grown and they are not ready to accept us.

Later, however, under questioning by William P. Maloney Jr., a member of the Concerned Parents, Mr. LaFountain said that he "didn't mean to imply that (these were) official positions" of the East Hampton and Southampton school boards.

Harold Williams, co-chairman of the parents committee, launched the subject of his organization's studies into the district's costs by asking for a discussion on a report which had been sent to the board by Philip Peters, associate superintendent of the First Supervisory School District.

Mr. Birtwhistle said the report showed that the costs of closing the school would be \$115,435 in the first year and \$39,000 in the second year. It also estimated the costs to parents of sending students to Southampton would be \$2,500 and to East Hampton \$3,200. He prefaced his remarks by noting that he did not have the report on hand when interviewed by this newspaper recently.

The basis for the report caused some confusion, however, because at one point Mr. LaFountain described it as being "Mr. Peter's own estimate, not the board's." Later, though, Mrs. Florence Halsey said that Mr. Peters had told her that "he had obtained most of his figures from our (the Bridgehampton) school office.

In the lone reference to a situation which is generally recognized but seldom discussed publicly as a factor — the matter of racial imbalance in the school - Mrs. Mary Wyche said:

'As enrollment keeps going down, and white children going elsewhere ... and if the school becomes 95 percent black, would the state be more inclined to do something about it?"

The question stemmed from the assertions by Mr. Birtwhistle and Mr. LaFountain adding up to the view that the state would not mandate, as the matter

### Yard Sale at OLP

A "Yard Sale" will be held this Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Poland School, North Main Street, Southampton.

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now stands under present law, a solidation plan. Mr. LaFountain said, "At the moment, there is no interest in a meeting to discuss centralization" and "There is no way people in one community can impose their district" on another.

Mr. Birtwhistle's comment on Mrs. Wyche's question was that the board has an obligation for the education of the district's students no matter what their color.

When Mrs. Wyche then asked about the possibility of busing students "to achieve racial balance," Mr. LaFountain indicated that such an arrangement would not be ordered by the state. He said there was precedent for his view in the case of the Wyandanch school which has a 96 or 97 per cent black enrollment. The state "did not attempt to break that district up," the fincipal observed. He said the ratio of whites to blacks in Bridgehampton was 70-

In another part of the discussion, Mrs Nancy Grabrowski said she felt there are certain disadvantages in a K-through-12 school." She asked the board:

"Our children cannot have as full a day. How about the (question of) phasing out the high school? We are just trying to find an answer...We are the school. We are the parents. How do you feel about it?"

The principal replied shortly thereafter that, "Closing is not the answer. In another year or two, if we find enrollment getting less and less, maybe. I don't believe the answer lies in parents taking their children out of school. I believe it is in bringing the children back."

Just before those remarks. Lew Berkowski said, "We've (the parents) gone about as far as we can" and he asked the board, in effect, to decide the next move.

Late in the long but calm and eventempered exchange, Thomas Hobson's questions established that there are 296 students in the elementary and high school now, excluding those in the BOCES program, while 103 youths living in the district attend parochial schools in Sag Riverhead, Southampton, and Harbor, East Hampton.

Observing that there were some 400 in the Bridgehampton system at one time, Mr. Hobson asked, "What would happen if they all came back?" There had been references by officials earlier to crowded conditions in the school

Mr. LaFountain asserted that the return of the students would have no effect on the high school but conceded that there would be some problem in the elementary grades.

Mrs. Gloria Talmadge inquired about the idea of a "town meeting" to decide the school's future, in view of the disclosure that neither "East Hampton nor Southampton wants us" and the petition's

She received no direct reply but Mr. Birtwhistle said that the petition was not submitted to the board and Mr. Williams pointed out that the document was not a legal petition, that the parents' were merely exploring and investigating the school situation.

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# Study Urged on Closing of High School

The first official report of the Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton urges that the school board give "serious consideration" to closing the high school there.

The parents group said it based its recommendation on information it had collected in recent weeks "regarding school population, course offerings (including physical education), discipline, physical plant, the cost of education in the district, and the sentiment of district residents."

A key part of the organization's study—a survey of district residents—showed that 232 of 260 citizens to whom a petition was presented were in favor of closing the high school and contracting for education in Southampton or East Hampton districts. The report said 26 requested further information and two were opposed to shutting down the school.

The petition was addressed to the school board and was brought up for discussion by members of the parents group at a board meeting May 14. Board President Alan Birtwhistle and other school officials pledged at that session to begin a new era of communications with parents and tackle problems jointly. But in the meantime they put top priority on the then upcoming \$903,248 budget which was approved 99-70 last week.

No further efforts were reported by the parents group in the interim to confront the board with the findings of the survey and other information it had collected. Then

after me budget voting, in which only half as many ballots were cast as in last year's vote, the report detailing the data was circulated. It was also distributed after the voting last Friday night on the defeated BOCES building plan.

The report's conclusion said:

"The organization known as The Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton offers this information and its recommendation at this time because the members believe that a static school population, decreasing enrollment, limited course offerings, discipline problems, limited physical plant, increasing cost of education, and community sentiment which clearly indicates dissatisfaction with the status quo demonstrate that the educational system in the district is at a critical period in its history. In a very real sense, the school is the heart of the community. The families who choose to settle elsewhere because of problems with our school are families lost to this community's fire department, service organizations, churches, and social life.

"The Concerned Parents of Bridgehampton present these facts in order to help make the best possible decisions with regard to bur school. The school can be made stronger by reducing the scope of educational services it now offers as a K-12 system to concentrate its limited resources in a K-6 or K-8 system and forwarding its pupils to the excellent high schools in East Hampton and Southampton for the remaining grades:

"The months to come will be important to this community and this organization hopes that all residents of the district will join our school board in its efforts to create and maintain the best possible school here for the students and the generations of students to follow."

The results of the Concerned Parents' study included the statements that:

In 1960-61, there were 399 students enrolled in the Bridgehampton High School, including 36 non-residents of the district. In that year, 51 youths living in the district attended school elsewhere.

By 1972-73, the figures obtained from the (Continued on page 16)

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# **BH School Study Urged**

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New York State Education Department showed total high school enrollment at 322, including eight non-residents. The number of students living in the district but attending school elsewhere had risen, however, to 128 — or 29 per cent of the total resident students.

Total elementary and high school enrollment, excluding those in the BOCES program, was estimated last month by Principal Robert LaFountain at 296. Surveys for 1973-74 indicate that the trend toward educating resident students outside of the home district will continue to grow, the report said.

Considering the courses offered, the parents found that Bridgehampton offers fewer electives than Southampton and East Hampton. The report was critical of the lack of extra curricular activities but it cited as a "notable exception" the Science Club which was described as "excellent." The report observed that "statistics in

The report observed that "statistics in the area of the cost of education per pupil are subject to varying interpretation." It does appear, however, that it costs more to educate a student in Bridgehampton than in

comparable schools, it was observed.

At the same time, the study said: "Savings to the district by discontinuing Jumor and Senior High School in the home district are not substantial and, in fact, the cost of contracting for high school education in neighboring districts may increase the total budget."

The frequently mentioned "discipline problem" was not emphasized in the report. In fact, the parents said a subcommittee of the organization "believes that whatever discipline problem exists is substantially related to the limited extra curricular activities at the school. Corollary to this is the amount of free time enjoyed and perhaps abused by a small number of pupils."

The school plant built in 1930 was described "as unworkable in many respects" because of the need for more teaching areas required by new educational concepts. The report said:

"In addition, there is some question whether whatever disciplinary problems exist at the school are not aggravated by housing all students. K through grade 12, in single building."

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# Most Residents Said to Want Change in High School Status

An "overwhelming majority" of Bridgehampton residents is in favor of "a change" in the high school situation there the Concerned Parents organization reported this week.

The parents group did not specify what sort of change was desired but last week the organization circulated a petition asking residents if they wanted to close the high school and send the students to Southampton or East Hampton.

An authoritative source said that more than 200 persons signing the petition agreed that the high school should be shut down, with only two urging that it be kept open.

Meanwhile, the Concerned Parents group has scheduled an open meeting for next-Wednesday, May 16. It also said: "Representatives have been appointed to

"Representatives have been appointed to attend the next regular school board meeting on Monday, May 14. In further action, the Executive Committee (of the parents group) has approached the School Board in the hopes that a meeting can be arranged at which time representatives of the Concerned Parents along with School Board members can reconcile the disparity in certain figures which The Press reported last week.

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"At each step along the way, the Concerned Parents have expressed a willingness to cooperate with the Board to the fullest extent possible.

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"Although encouraged by events of the past week, the group realizes that there is a lot more work to be done before reorganization of some kind can be accomplished."

Meanwhile, the parents organization said it met in closed session with Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea Jr. last Friday evening for what was described as "a very informative meeting." A statement by the group said:

"Mr. Duryea stressed that the community group must work closely with the School Board to accomplish any meaningful results. Mr. Duryea complimented the group for the careful research it had done and expressed his approval of the sequence of steps undertaken. Mr. Duryea discussed candidly the problems involved and helped the group see more clearly what the course of future action should be."

The "disparity in certain figures" noted by the parents group referred to the cost of educating high school students. In an information sheet attached to the petition, the parents group put the figure at \$2,670. But Alan Birtwhistle, president of the school board, said he felt this was too high, that the actual cost is closer to \$1,725—a figure used by the Suffolk School Boards Association as the operating expense per pupil in both the elementary and high schools.

Mr. Birtwhistle could not be reached before press time for comment on the results of the Concerned parents' petition.

# Library Group Meets

The Women's Committee of the Hampton Library will hold its monthly meeting today at 4 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church Parlors.

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# Church News

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# illage Polled on Future of High School

closing the question of Bridgehampton High School and sending its dwindling number of students to Southampton and East Hampton was posed in a petition circulated this week to the district's voters.

The petition asked Bridgehampton taxpayers to state their preferences on the question:

"Shall this school district discontinue grades 9-12 and contract for the education of its students in these grades in Southampton or East Hampton?"

Voters were given a choice of replying yes or no or asking for more information. Meanwhile, it was learned that a group of "Concerned Parents" will meet this Friday night to discuss the school problem with the

N. Y. Assembly speaker, Perry Duryea. The petition - actually a survey - is addressed to the Board of Education. It was drawn up at a meeting last week of the parents group said to number about 35 residents. Co-chairmen are Albert McCoy and Harold P. Williams. Others active in the organization's leadership include William P. Maloney Jr., Mrs. Graham Griffin, the Rev. Robert W. Battles Jr. Mrs. William Lowe, Otis Wyche and Ronald

An "information sheet" attached to the petition states that this year there are 88 high school students being educated at a cost of \$2,670 per capita, or a total of \$235,215.

Other points made were:

About 30 per cent of the students population in the district attends school elsewhere.

 "The cost of paying tuition to a neighboring school district and of transportating the students will not significantly be greater than the cost of home district education.'

The Bridgehampton district school offers only 11 elective courses to 11th and 12th grade students, compared with 40 electives in Southamton High and 31 in East Hampton.

— There is no physical education program for girls and the school supports only one interscholastic team, the basketball squad.

The building constructed in the early 1930s "is not adequate to accomodate an increased offering of scholastic or extracurricular programs or to accomodate an increased number of students under

present-day educational standards.

Alan Birtwhistle, president of the board of education, said Tuesday morning he had not seen the petition yet. A representative of the concerned parents had asked him earlier, however, to obtain a concensus from the board on its views about closing the high school or some other solution, he said. This will be done shortly, he indicated.

Meanwhile, Mr. Birtwhistle commented, the board had information from the First Supervisory School District estimating the cost of operating without state aid for the high school. It would cost district taxpayers an additional \$150,000 the first year and \$200,000 the second year, Mr. Birtwhistle said.

The school board president took issue with the statement accompanying the estimate that it costs the district \$2,670 per high school student. He pointed to a figure of \$1,725 as the operating expense per pupil during 1971-72, according to the Suffolk School Board Association. That amount is for students in all grades - kindergarten through 12th - but Mr. Birtwhistle said he could not understand how it would be significantly more for the high school alone He noted there were only 15 teachers in the high school and some also teach eighth grade courses.

The board president also said there were 102 high school students.

Mr. Birtwhistle observed that tuition in East Hampton is more than \$3,000 and appeared to predict it would be even higher in Southampton when the new school is completed. Such tuition would be paid directly by the parents.

An estimated 1972-73 budget of \$826,438 was approved last year, 205 votes against 152. Teachers salaries from kindergarten through the sixth grade were set at \$133,857. For grades seven through 12, the salaries totaled \$220,852.

The tax rate for the Bridgehampton district is currently \$10.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

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said, the number of brutality complaints had not decreased.

# Migrant Task Force

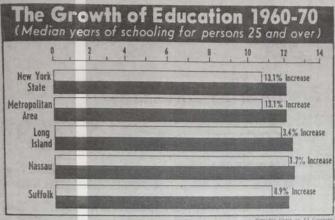
In other action, the commission discussed the migrant task force report prepared by county Legis. Lou Howard (R-Amityville). There was a division of opinion on the report. The good thing is that a report will be presented to the legislature on these conditions in the migrant camps," De less than one per cent of the Suffolk population is involved. It is an arrow that the population is involved. It is an arrow that it is a problem, you are only dealing with a small percentage of the population, then we're in trouble."

# Officials Bid to Reopen Hospital

Mastic Beach—Three directors of defunct Bayview Hospital told a meeting of 250 residents last night that the hospital's outpatient operation could be solved

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### The Academic Record This chart shows the median number of school years completed by persons over

25 in communities of more than 2,500. Half of the persons recorded have more schooling than the community median and half have less.

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		San Remo	12.6	Bohemia	11.4
Lloyd Harbor	16.3	South Westbury	12.6	Center Moriches	12.2
Munsey Park	153	Baldwin	12.5	Floral Park	12.2
Great Neck Estates	14.9	Cedarhurst	12.5	Glen Cove	12.2
East Hills		East Massapequa	12.5	Hempstead	12.2
Flower Hill	149	Hauppauge	12.5	Long Beach	12.2
Kings Point	149	Malverne	12.5	Manorhaven	12.2
Brookville	14.6	North Merrick	12.5	Mineola	12.2
Sands Point	161	North Wantagh	12.5	North New Hyde Park	12.2
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Pt. Washington North	13.0	Bellmere	124	Central Islip	12.1
Woodmere	13.0	Carlo Place	154	East Islip	10.1
Cold Spring Harbor	15,9	East Meadow	12.4	East Patchegue	12.1
Jericho	12.9	East Northport	124	Franklin Square	11.1
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Brightwaters	12.8	North Bellmore	114	New Hyde Park	12.1
Great Neck Plaza	12.8	Seaford	12.4	North Babylon	12.1
Manhasset	12.8	South Huntington	12.4	Ronkonkoma	15.1
	13.8	Westbury	12.4	Uniondale	12.1
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South Valley Stream	128	Bethpage	12.3	Deer Park	12.0
Bellport	12.7	Farmingdale	12.3	Holbrook-Holfsville	12.0
E. Half Hollow Hills	12.7	Freeport	22.3	North Great River	12.0
Half Hollow Hills	12.7	Garden City Park	12.2	North Patchogue	12.0
Merrick	12.7	Hickwille	32.3	Patchogue	12.0
Northport	127	Huntington Station	12.3	Selden	11.0
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Elwood	156	Oyster Bay	33.3	North Bellport	10.6
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# **Education:** LI Blacks Close Gap

By Larry Eichel

The typical Long Island black in 1960 had barely made it through the ninth grade, but his 1970 counterpart had completed 10.9 years of school according to figures published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

During the decade, Long Islanders became better educated overall, but blacks educational level grew so much more than whites' that the gap between them was cut in hall from three years to 1.5. And while only 374 blacks in Nassau and Suifolk had been enrolled in college in 1960, there were 2,150 in 1970.

"The motivation (for increased education) is coming from the black community itself," said Irwin Quintine, chairman of the Nassau-Sutfolk Minority Coalition and a representative of the State Unibersity system's Equin 1 Opportunity Program, "There's a growing awareness of the needs for education in various fields. To do our own thing, we need certain kinds of expertise."

High School Statistics

Still, one about 40 per cent of all blocks over 25 are high school graduates, compared to more than 63 per cent of the Long Island population as a whole. Census figures for Long Island also show that:

The typical Long Island resident (over age 25) has 12.3 years of education. The figure for Nassau is 12.4, for Suffolk 12.2. In 1960, the typical Long Islander had 11.9 years of education, meaning that he came within a month of completing high school.

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• Puerto Ricans are at about the same educational level as blacks. The typical Puerto Rican in Nassau and Suffolk. The the typical black has almost finished 11th grade. And, another sign of improvement, more than 90 per cent of 15- and 17-year-old blacks and Puerto Ricans seer still in school stab 90.

The figures also at least suggest the validity of the stage that the longer you stay in school, the more you earn when you finally get out. Eight of Long Island's 10 weathinst communities were among the Island's 10 best-educated communities on the Island. The best-educated communities to the Island. The best-educated communities also happened to be the six most poorly educated communities on the Island. The best-educated communities also happened to be the six most poorly educated communities on the Island. The best-educated communities also happened to be the six most poorly educated communities on the Island. The best-educated communities also happened to be the six most poorly educated communities on the Island. The best-educated communities are also happened to be the six most poorly educated communities of the Island's 10 for all the Island's 10

### Blacks Go Higher

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As the educational level of blacks increased during the 1960s, so did their income levels, from \$4,920 per family to \$90,80 in 1970. And Dr. Edith Tanenbaum of the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board predicted that the improvements in black education would lead to an even greater rice in black income in the 1970s. "Looking at the overall figures and the national trends I can't help but think that blacks will make greater progress in income from here on," she said. "The improvements in education take a little time before they show up as income. First you get the education and the job skills, then you start making more money."

But Quintyne was less optimistic. He heads a committee that is searching for a new director of a program at the State University at Stony Brook that admits mostly students from minority groups. "I have files and files full of educated blacks," he said. "They're all looking for a job."

# Median Family Income Passes 10Gs

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Washington—For the first time, more than half of the families in the country had incomes over \$10,000 last year, the Cersus Bureau reported yesterday.

The increase in family income was deceptive, however. Although incomes rose 4.2 per cent in 1971, actual purchasing power remained about the asme because of inflation. The effect of inflation was not so pronounced in the decade from 1961 to 1971, the bureau said. The median incomes went up a33 per cent in those 10 years in terms of purchasing power, according to the bureau's figures. ("median" means under a power of the figure.)

The bureau said that the median income of the The bureau said that the median income of the prevent yield last year, which for an urban family of tour is \$4,137. All told, the bureau said,

low the poverty level. In 1960, the total was almost 40,000,000 or about one in every five in the population

According to the bureau's figures, black families earned a median income of \$6,400 in 1971 compared to \$6,5290 a year earlier. About 35 per cent of all blacks in the country were clissified as poor by the government. In Nassau and Suffolk, the income of the typical black family was \$9,000, substantially higher than the national figure.

The family income reports released vesterday were based on a survey in March of about 47,000 American families.

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# THIRD OF BLACKS LIVE IN POVERTY

Poor's Income Level Static, Data for 3 Years Show

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—One-third of the nation's 23 million blacks lived below the official poverty level in 1971, marking little change from a year earlier, the Census Bureau reported today.

In an annual report on the social and economic status of the black population, the bureau said 7.4 million or 32 per cent of blacks lived below the official poverty level of \$4,137. This compared with 7.5 million or 34 per cent in 1970.

In 1969, only 7.2 million blacks lived below the poverty level, although the percentage in 1969, 32, was the same as 1971.

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The bureau said that 1.5 million black families were below the poverty level last year, or about 29 per cent of all black families, no change from the year earlier.

The figures showed that the number of whites living below the official poverty level increased by 300,000 last year to 17.8 million or 10 per cent of the white population. The percentage was unchanged, however, from recent years. The number of families living below the official poverty line was 3.8 million, compared with 3.7 million a year earlier.

This represented 8 per cent of all white families, the same rate that has prevailed since 1968.

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Despite the figures showing a virtual standstill on income, the bureau said black Americans are continuing to make substantial social and economic advances. For instance, it said the ismall segment of black families, young families living in the North and West in which both the husband and wife work, reported significant income increases.

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The bureau said that young black wives in the North and West earned 30 per cent more than their white counterparts.

About 32 per cent of black families are headed by women, the report said.

Blacks are making impressive education advances, the report said, with the high school dropout rate declining to 11.1 per cent last year compared with 14.6 per cent a year earlier. The dropout rate for whites is 7.4 per cent.

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# Down From the Bottom

New York State, which a few years ago gave signs of leading the nation in statutory safeguards against the degradation of migratory farm laborers, now seems bent on moving in the opposite direction. That is the only conclusion to be drawn from Governor Rockefeller's appointment of Assemblyman Frank A. Walkley as State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

In taking office at the beginning of this month, Mr. Walkley did everything short of declaring war on the prospect of unionization of farm workers, the most exploited group in the labor force. His expressions of alarm -unsupported by any vast indications of union recruiting in this area-represented an extension into his new post of the unsuccessful attempts he made at the last legislative session to push through a viciously repressive bill against agricultural strikes. They were also in line with a record at Albany of persistent efforts to dilute the already almost imperceptible enforcement of state standards on health and housing for farm workers.

The policies Commissioner Walkley advocates for regulating agricultural labor relations are indistinguishable from those that prompted Cesar Chavez, leader of the United Farm Workers, to undertake his 24-day fast after Arizona adopted them last May. This state, which pioneered in adoption of a "little Wagner Act" for industrial workers 35 years ago, can find a better pattern-setter than Arizona in dealing with the needs of workers whose bt is deprivation no matter how high the consumer's food bill gets.

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# More About Income

By TOM WICKER

Recent Census Bureau statistics for the greater New York metropolitan area and for the nation agree on one cardinal point-the median income of black families continues to lag far behind that of white families. The New York-New Jersey figures showed black families slipping even farther behind in recent years, despite rising Ulincomes.

These statistics place in perspective some other interesting figures published by the Census Bureau last December, and publicized particularly spring issue of The Public Interest magazine. They showed that young hlack families, with both a husband and wife present in the household, and soliving outside the South, were doing the same than the south was similar as a similar of the same than the s about as well economically as similar white families—and in some instances actually had higher incomes.

The seeming contradiction between the two sets of figures is caused by



the fact that young, black, husbandhwife families living outside the Southare only about 10 per cent of all the 49 million black families in the United States. Thus, this small segment of the black community can show spectacular income gains over the last edecade, to the point of virtual parity with whites, while black families as a whole are still far behind, with a median income of only \$6,440 in 1971 compared to the \$10,670 median for white families. white families

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All this seems to suggest the valid-

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ity of Andrew Brimmer's contention, in a speech at Tuskegee Institute in 1970, that there is a "deepening schism" in the black community "between the able and the less able, between the well-prepared and those with few skills."

The new Census Bureau figures also lend weight to Mr. Moynihan's muchdebated thesis that family structure is closely associated with income levels and the incidence of poverty. Well over half the black poor—56 per cent—are shown to live in families headed —are shown to live in families headed by the mother only, and 52 per cent of the black poor are under 18 years old. But this situation is not to be found in the black community alone; 30 per cent of the white poor live in female-headed families, too. In fact, 40 per cent of all poor families were headed by a female only in 1971. What conclusions for social policy and political action can be drawn from

and political action can be drawn from this? Perhaps the most obvious is that neither continued economic growth nor the kind of welfare and social services programs now in effect are likely to bring the great bulk of black families, anytime soon, into income parity with white families. For despite their real gains of the sixties, the relative position of most blacks to whites is no better and is frequently worse than it was in 1960. and political action can be drawn from

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Moreover, the high incidence of poverty in female-headed families reinforces the view that the present reinforces the view that the present welfare program, with its heavy penal-ties on earned income, contributes to a high rate of deserting fathers. This statistic also means that enforced work programs, like the one pending in the Senate, are likely to fall most heavily

Senate, are likely to fall most heavily on poor mothers of dependent children. For all these reasons, the Census Bureau income figures suggest that it is high time the nation moved—if only experimentally—into some form of income maintenance, in which the idea would be to put a basic income into the hands of the poor, without penalizing those who earn additional income for themselves and their families.

If that is so, maybe the 1972 election

If that is so, maybe the 1972 election will be a turning point. Both President Nixon, through his Family Assistance Program, and Senator McGovern, in whatever form his income-grant proposal finally takes, have put forward income maintenance plans, thus pro-jecting an issue that never before has been seriously debated in an American Presidential campaign.

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# Median Family Income Here Up 60% in 60's 18 DRUG SUSPECTS

By EDWARD C. BURKS
The median income of the city's two million families in creased by 60 per cent during the last decade—from \$6,091 in 1959 to \$9,682 by 1970—according to newly compiled figures just released by the Census Bureau.

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# Suffolk Plans to Buy and Protect Farms

By DAVID A. ANDELMAN

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Jan. 2 — The Suffolk County Executive, revent housing development be paid for by bond issues. nd to preserve it forever for

te Legislature, the county will poses.

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And Democratic minority have with the decision to begin buying the land was made after numerous meetsultural lands. In the past they lings of his "agricultural ad-

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ill then lease the land back to large quantities of fruits and the degree of speculators' interest who are using it. Mr. Klein, a Republican, told consequent need to remove it

officer and is now under in-dictment in connection with his role in the county's purchase of land at Tiana Beach, told his

who was deputy presiding

Strong, Republi-

"I wish to inform you gentle-men that I will not be a candi-date for the office of deputy presiding officer until I have had an opportunity to clear my name of all charges against me," fellow lawmakers:

Instead, the Legislature voted to leave the office vacant.

After the session, Mr. Klein told reporters that he would not suspend County Attorney George W. Percy Jr., who was indicted with Mr. Strong.

He said that under a ruling by State Attorney General Jouis J. LeKowitz such a suspension would require a complete hearing on the charges before the County Legislature.

"The District Attorney would from the charges before the County Legislature."

"The District Attorney would from the would from the world with Mr. Percy this week to wisking Mr. Percy this week to "discuss other alternatives." John V. N. Klein, Suffolk County Executive.

It will have power of ap- not allow that, Mr. Klein said, proval over all contracts over the said he would be meeting it \$1,000, operate the Department with Mr. Percy this week to sof Probation directly and have "discuss other alternatives," complete inventory control. There has been considerable Man Shoots Himself in Hand concern expressed over the HINNTINGTON IT IT. control of every county mission and agency.

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HUNTINGTON, I. I., Jan 2

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Republican of Brentwood,

re-elected as presiding officer

Suffolk Plans to Buy and Protect Farms

"Usually they cannot afford to the nation's suburban and rural counties, said that the program was the first she had heard of. "It is a new approach for a be taking," said the National Washington, which represents Continued From Page 1, Col. Counties Caile, research An official of from the market. Association of county to Charlene Ca

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buy the land in the first place." Ambitious Program

Suffolk has already embarked on one of the most ambitious programs of "land banking" in the state by purchasing undeveloped and unused land to keep it "forever wild." The quantity of farmlands which have fallen into the hands of speculative interests in eastern Suffolk County is both dramatic and frightening." co Mr. Klein told the County Leg misture.

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Candidate Bistrian and Friend

Housing Code

Jack Graves

### CANDIDATE

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place. I'd hate to have somebody
take something away from me. I
admire Otis Pike, but I think he
made a boo-boo there."

Long Island - Connecticut Bridge:
"I don't think it would be a good
idea to have a bridge to Connecticut
on the North Fork, but if there was
one on the western end it would be
good for commercial traffic to New
England."
In summation, Mr. Bistrian said

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In summation, Mr Bistrian said that if he and Andrew Malone Jr.

were elected, "a window would be opened into the legislative process." He had enjoyed being in politics, he

It had given him a chance to get around, to meet people he probably otherwise would not have met. "As a farmer," he said with a smile, "all I see are potato bugs and pheasants."

Andrew Malone Jr., 45, who is also running for Councilman on the Demo-cratic ticket, apparently became the first black elected party official in Suffolk County when he was chosen. New York State Democratic Committeeman in that Party's primaries this summer. Mr. Malone took part in the Democratic National Convention.

Having become involved in politics, the proprietor of Andy's Body Shop, who lives on Three Mile Harbor Road, feels that if he can become the first black member of the East Hampton Town Board he would lend encouragement to other blacks who, to date, have felt aliensated from government and officialdom.

ernment and officialdom.

Asked what committee work he would like to pursue if elected, Mr. Malone said, "I'd like to see harmony between the whites and blacks; I'd like to act as a liaison between the two. By working together, we could live together." But, he added that he did not view the fact that he was black as a major issue in itself; "I would be a representative for all the people."

Fairness

# Fairness

Mr. Malone said he felt the main issue of the campaign was "fairness in government." One-party govern-ment, he said, didn't work.

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"By no means is one-party government good. The government
should represent all the people." The
membership of local boards, appointed by the Town Board, should be
bipartisan, and Town jobs should be
open to qualified people, regardless
of party, he said.

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There were areas in which he thought the Town Board could take more of an initiative, Mr. Malone added. It could do more in solving the "unemployment problem" by attracting light industry here and by seeing to it that adequate transportation was provided to jobs. The Town Board also could do more in obtaining scientific data on Town waters, and in the provision of low-cost housing.



Candidate Malone

Water Study: "That would be the determining factor on our popula-tion. We should have a water study."

Bypass: "It would definitely bring out more people. Our Town isn't able to accommodate the ones who are here now. You can only get so many people in a telephone booth. I would like to see this area stay rural. I don't believe it could stay rural with a bypass."

Gardiner's Island: "I don't feel that

the government should take your land away from you. Most people feel very strongly about their land."

Asked whether he would like to see more blacks in Town jobs Mr. Malone said, "Sure. Pld like to see more black involvement in areas where there hasn't been any in the past."

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Town Airport: "The people should be getting better use for their money," he said, noting that the Airport had, so far, run at a deficit.

Long Island - Connecticut Bridge: "It would involve the same aituation as the bypass—more super-highways. I'm against it."

Gardiner's Island: "I don't feel the fairness."

Jack Graves

"I know there is a need for low-income housing," said Mr. Malone, "for young marrieds, for retired peo-ple and other low-income people. It you set aside just one area for it you'd create a ghetto-type situation. Yes, I definitely think the Town should get involved in providing this type of housing."

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Asked if he favored adoption of a housing code, which would set certain minimum standards for existing housing. Mr. Malone said, "Thin favor of some kind of standard, certainly one that would focus on substandard housing."

Commenting on the various topics isted below, Mr. Malone made the following points:

Planning: "First we must decide where we want to go, and then plan accordingly. We should not just plan for the summer people or the rich, but for all the people."

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# Education

### Fleischmann Report

# For More Of the Three R's

education.

Last week the commission issued fits second report, this time dealing with more academic questions. More than anything else, the report was a call for a return to the fundamentals, the three Rs. if you will—reading, frifing and ritimetic. It was in essence an indictment of the elsementary and secondary schools in the state for what the commission headed by attorney Manily Fleischmann, called a failure to equip pupils with basic skills.

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"That many students in New York State are leaving school without competence in either reading or math is a matter of great concern," the commission said at the outset of its 423-page report. It placed the blame largely on poor teaching, and to remedy the situation, which is particularly acute in New York City, the commission recommended an upgrading of persounel at the elementary level and a complete reorganization of secondary education. Elementary school teachers would be required to take courses in the teaching of reading and mathematics that are not now compulsory, and their would have to "denion certification. Moreover, their efforts would be supplemented by reading and mathematics appearaities who also would have to gain certification. Beyond elementary school, from the seventh through the tenth grade, every pupil in the state would have to "pursue a course of study bailt around a cent curriculum of reading. English coroposition and mathematics."

Tens of throusands of youngsteen, according to the Fleischmann Com-

perhaps, after post-sligh school training.

High school students assually follow one of three academic programs, or tracks the academic, for those going to college, the vocational, for those seeking specific job skills, and the general, for those not sure of what they want to do. These young atters who apparently suffer most under the present system are the ones who go through the general track.

Of all the graduates in 1971 of New York City's more than 50 pub-



A Sikh father in London watches as his child is taken to a school seven miles away. As in the United States, busing has become a controversial issue in Britain, although the emphasis is more on acclat than racial balance.

### Britain

# Busing Is An Issue There, Too

LONDON—School busing distraught parents disgranded teachers boycotting students. The London school system, with more than 185,000 secondary students aged It to IT, is forn these days by those same issues and problems that afflier ducation in New York and many other cities in the United States. If the protests are muted and less emotional as compared with those in New York, the fundamental issues at strikingly similar the braing of schoolchildren to achieve a "bal-

oters.

On the side of the parents, Stan Freed, chairman of the Hackney and Islington Parents' Action Committee—which has kept more than 100 children away from school—said recently. We can't afford to lose our kids with the highest ability to the edicational idealists. It amounts to child conscription. You can't make a bad school good just by sending a few bright children to th."

Various politicians have taken un

Various politicians have taken up the cause of the boycetters, saying that parents have an "inalicance tripht" to send their children to a school of their choics. What the parents feet is the poor reputations of many of the schools—called "sink achools." They speak of low academic standards, violence and even

lic high schools, 35 per cent of them went through the general track. The Fleischmann Commission wants this track abolished because students who follow it "graduate from high school with neither the skills to continue their education no occupational training of any kind."

Upon reaching the eleventh grade in the proposed system, a pupil would have the alternative of pursuing a college preparatory program or taking vocational education. To the commission, it is the portant that this not be decided in an earlier grade because, as Mr. Fleichmann commented at a news conference, "decisions that might determine future life are now being made too early and without adequate study or information."

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fer scheme.

Bespite the similarities between the school policy here and in New York there is one crucial difference. The concept of community and register is one crucial difference to the concept of community and register in the past that many seem rejected here so that here is the seem rejected mutually by parents as well as a headmaster who interviewed the new student.

Under the new policy this year, parents again were asked to nominate the school they wanted to have their children attend, but instead of being asked for specific second choices—in the event of the saked to list the type of achoel they wanted. This could be a single-sex or religious-affiliated school.

This system takes the power of decision out of the hands of many parents as well as the local headmaster—who naturally wants mainly bright, alert children in his school. Instead, the Education Authority has taken film control.

The new scheme has resulted in some chaos. There have been cases where twins, as well as brothers and sisters, have been placed in separate schools. Some outraged parents have chained themselves to railings in County Hall, similar to the Board of Education, and kept their children away from school in angry protest. At present, 253 childrens—of the 32,850 who extered secondary schools for the first theore.

Nevertheless, there are indications that the transfer system will be revised next year. It is expected, for example, that school preference will be given to children whose brothers or sisters are in the school and some effort will be made so place children in school snear their homes. But the essential aim of maintaining a broad balance in the schools register in the schools register in the school and some effort will be made so place children the schools register and the schools register and the sc

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# The New York Times

Migrant Workers Uniting to Fight Job Abuse

By DONALD JANSON field and living conditions national community migrant T/A Datason Farms in Hammality serving five South moniton and Nils pilot, Frank to half "the spraying of peo-



A Puerto Rican migrant worker harvesting tomatoes on a farm in southern New Jerse

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been used since 1948 as the association's assignment cen-

association's assignment center.

The men, carrying battered suitcases and sacks of clothing, will be in New Jersey up to 26 weeks to harvest a variety of crops. Their contracts guarantee them \$1.75 an hour, a minimum of \$0 hours of work every two weeks and paid transportation to and from San Juan if they stay on the job long enough to complete the contract.

tract.

"It is a good contract," said Luis Rivera, a law student of the University of Puerto Rico, who made a study of its enforcement in New Jersey, "but I found guaranteed wages often were not paid."

He found farmers partic-

A Puerto Rican migrant worker harvesting tomatoes on a farm in southern New Jersey

ularly reluctant to pay wages function intended because of of the Committee for Support for idle days caused by the frequent rains of 1972.

Enforcement of the contract is a function of the Department of Labor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, but it has never brought suit for breach of contract in the more than 20 years that the commonwealth has sent workers to New

The commonwealth maintains offices in New Jersey to aid migrant laborers, but Mr. Silva, the migrants' minister, said they had never been used for the enforcement

political considerations.

He and Mr. Cullen, of the Camden Regional Legal Services, said the Puerto Rican migrants probably would not be well represented in New Jersey until they formed a union and did their own bar-

union and did their own bargaining with grower associations.

To lay the groundwork, union organizers are working in Jersey fields this summer with the migrants in the guise of regular workers. The organizers belong to the Committee to Organize Trabajadores (migrant workers) of Puerto Pior, field armores)

Trabajadores (migrant work-ers) of Puerto Rico, field arm

of Puerto Rican Migrants, based in San Juan.

The organizers sponsored a recent meeting of migrant workers in Glassboro to discuss complaints. Abuses listed at the meeting included spraying of workers, failure to provide hot water and laundry facilities at labor camps on farms, failure to meet contract guarantees, and retaliation against any worker who sought to assert his rights.

one young worker said he was slapped by an official of the Glassboro Service Association when he complained that a grower had deducted too much money from his pay for transportation from Puerto Rico, Mr. Cullen brought assault charges, but not before the police arrived and took the worker away on charges of using loud and abusive language. Both defendants were found not guilty, but the worker, according to Mr. Cullen, had not been able to get a farm job in New Jersey since the incident, Mr. Cullen said court rulings last year guaranteeing

Mr. Cullen said court rul-ings last year guaranteeing access to migrant labor camps for lawyers and other friends of workers were a gain in curbing the abuses, but that most of the health and housing and other prob-lems of the last 30 years re-mained about as bad as ever.

"No real dent has been made," he said.

Puerto Rican organizers hope to make one this winter when the contract labor force returns to the island. They will seek to form a new union in time to take over bargaining this winter on a 1973 contract.