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TAKE WITH GRAIN OF SALT

Perhaps the best prescription for a proper evaluation of the random charges and counter-charges made by candidates before a political election is a grain of salt. Such dosage might well bring the issues into something approximating their proper perspective. Exaggerations, and in some cases pure fabrication, is par for the course in most elections at every level of government.

Rye is approaching an election on November 7 in which there are relatively no issues. Exceptionally well qualified candidates have been nominated by both the Republican and Democratic parties for three vacancies in the City Council. The contest becomes a question of choosing individuals who are regarded by their neighbors and friends as the best suited to serve without regard to party affiliation. In a community the size of Rye, party distinction amounts to little.

With this unbiased comment we will now digress to another subject—who to believe and who not to believe as the candidates go down to the wire at the finishing line. Within the past two years the proposed Long Island Sound Bridge has been an all absorbing subject. Governor Rockefeller's recommendation for a bridge connecting Rye and Oyster Bay has been fought tooth and nail by the residents of both communities.

The bridge now becomes something of an issue in the Rye campaign, yet it is no issue at all when it comes to assessing the candidates. We have never known a time when there was greater singleness of purpose in Rye in fighting a community threat. Republicans and Democrats have stood shoulder-to-shoulder in battling the bridge legislation in Albany and have resolutely continued their opposition to the bridge.

The Republican administration under Mayor Edmund C. Grainger Jr. has done everything humanly possible to block the bridge project, and it has had the staunch cooperation of the Democratic members of the City Council. When a march was made on Albany in a last ditch effort to persuade the legislators to vote against the bridge, it was a community effort. There were as many Democrats as there were Republicans in the group which made the trip.

And so it has been in every phase of this continuing fight. In Albany we had the strong support of Senator Gioffre and Assemblyman Pisano, both Republicans; in White Plains our Republican Supervisor William E. Snodgrass is still very much in the forefront in an effort to block or delay the building of the bridge.

The Long Island Sound Bridge is not an issue in this election, but if any political capital was to be made it is the Republicans who might very well be doing it. So let us forget the bridge—it has nothing to do with this election.

Work Of Human Rights Commission Described

The scope of work of the Rye Commission on Human Rights in the fields of education, employment, and housing was described by Rene R. Menendez, chairman of the Commission, at the Rye Kiwanis meeting at the Rye Golf Club, Tuesday night.

One of the most satisfying projects undertaken by the Commission since it was established by former Mayor Clay Johnson in 1963, said Mr. Menendez, is its day care center for children of mothers needing to work. At the Center in the Rye Recreation Commission building on Midland Avenue, he pointed out, some 48 pre-kindergarten children are cared for "at no cost to the city" by volunteer mothers under the direction of Mrs. Michael Toombs.

"Not all, but many of the young-

sters are of low-income families where the mother is thus able to work to supplement the family income," he explained.

Mr. Menendez spoke of the Commission's efforts in behalf of "minority group" people seeking housing in Rye, which he said threatens to become a more urgent problem in certain "sub-standard" housing areas. He said he was working with other city services to see what should be done.

Manuel F. Boccini of Rye, fleet operations manager for CIT Service Leasing Corporation, will talk on what the buyer should look for in purchasing an automobile at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club, Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents.

—DRIVE SAFELY!

Letters to the Chronicle

BRIDGE NOT THE ONLY CONCERN IN BOND ISSUE

To the Editor:

The Citizens for an Independent Rye noted with regret the editorial appearing in The Rye Chronicle, Thursday, October 5, 1967, in which it is inferred that opposition to the Governor's controversial \$2.5 billion transportation bond issue on the part of Rye citizens is "parochial" and involves only "self interest."

The opposition of the Citizens for an Independent Rye to the controversial bond issue rests on a much broader base than the relationship between the bond issue and the Bridge.

First and foremost, the citizens of New York are being asked to approve a blank check for \$2.5 billion. The projects for which the money is to be spent have not been revealed. In fact, the overall plan is not required to be completed until September 1969.

Furthermore, the Governor has emphasized the overriding need for mass transportation and yet by his own admission the bond issue with other matching funds will result in four times as much money being available for highways as is available for mass transportation facilities.

It is interesting to note that the Governor already has budgeted spending \$51 million dollars of the proceeds from the bond issue for highways during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1968. This appears to be counting your chickens before they are hatched.

The Bridge demonstrates the confused planning and the secrecy surrounding the plans. A \$250,000 report submitted in December 1965 indicated that if the Rye-Oyster Bay Bridge was built the Port Jefferson-Bridgeport Bridge would not be self-liquidating. Despite this, in March 1966, Dr. Ronan submitted a report for the legislature recommending the building of both bridges. Since July 1967 the Governor has refused to answer questions raised on the relationship of the bond issue to the Bridge.

Thus we feel that the Bridge provides a glaring example of the overall reason for opposing the bond issue.

In the near future, the Citizens for an Independent Rye hope to present a comprehensive analysis of the reasons why the citizens of New York should vote NO on proposition 1 on November 7.

John B. Smyth
 Chairman
 Citizens for an Independent Rye

Girl Scouts Camp Overnight At Center

Rye Nature Center was the scene of an overnight camp out Wednesday night for girls of Girl Scout Troop 120 Sackerah Path. The scouts were accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Bayard Badenhansen, Mrs. Philip Heeter and Mrs. David Kelly, also Mrs. Cecelia Holstein who helped with supper. A group of older girls, members of the camping patrol of Cadet Troop 114 gave the campers a hand erecting their tents.

The camping project, open only to girls who had been in scouting the previous year, was planned in connection with the Troop's conservation work. The girls enjoyed

WILL VOTE WITHOUT REGARD TO PARTY

To the Editor:

The 1967 Rye local election, involving as it does the choice of three members of the City Council, presents the opportunity for sponsoring and supporting their selection upon merit alone, and without regard to party labels. What I wish to emphasize is that of the six candidates for City Council, three nominated by the Republican Party and three nominated by the Democratic Party, a Rye voter can choose any three of the six candidates, regardless of party affiliation.

Thus, in this election, one of the Republican candidates for City Council is so outstanding in his qualifications for that position that Rye should elect him without question, and by a resounding majority. On the other hand, two of the other candidates who are similarly outstanding in their qualifications for membership on the Council happen to be Democratic candidates for the Council. One is an experienced, intelligent and dedicated incumbent. The other is a devoted and a beloved citizen of our community. Together they would enhance the growing recognition of the desirability of minority party representation on the City Council.

For the foregoing reasons I believe it timely for your newspaper to publicize the nature of the choices available to Rye voters this Fall, and how readily they may choose the best, regardless of party affiliation. If I refrain from mentioning names at this time, it is because I assume the possibility that this letter might otherwise be classified as political advertising. Therefore, I wish to assure you of my intention to vote exactly in accordance with the principles above outlined, regardless of the party affiliation of the best qualified candidates for City Council.

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whether individual rights in socialist countries are not meted out according to government policy, the Pole replied simply that the majority of his countrymen approve their government's actions.

The 18 Sub-Commission members sit in their individual capacities, not as government representatives. The other nationalities are French, Kenyan, Sudanese, Egyptian, Philippine, Austrian, Italian, Mexican, Indian, Finnish, Chilean, and Turkish.

Mr. Carey was appointed in January 1966 by the principal U.S. member, C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., dean of Howard Law School, with the consent of the U.S. State Department and the U.N. Secretary General.

Attending Vermont College

Miss Catherine Forrest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest of 43 Orchard Lane, has enrolled as a freshman in the secretarial curriculum of Vermont College, Montpelier, Vt.

a dawn bird watching walk; after which they assisted Eugene Binder, director of the Rye Nature Center, repair and fill the bird feeders for the coming winter.

Academy Mothers' Guild Holding Panel Discussion

Mrs. Walter A. Stadler, president of the Mothers' Guild of the Academy of the Resurrection, has announced that the next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. in the auditorium of the school.

Mrs. Joseph S. Schweitzer, program chairman, has arranged for it to feature a panel discussion of the topic "Presenting Opportunities to Help Fulfill the Changing Role of Women in Today's World." Seating on the panel will be Dr. Margaret Bedard, Professor of Sociology at the College of New Rochelle; Mrs. Barbara Joukovsky, Co-operative Extension Agent of the State College of Home Economics at Cornell University; and Mrs. Carol Hardingham, Director of Volunteers, United Hospital, Port Chester.

A question period will follow. The meeting is open to guests as well as members.

Dr. Bedard is a graduate of the University of Montreal and has received her M.A. and Ph. D. degrees from The Catholic University of America. She is a representative at the United Nations for the International Catholic Child Bureau and has been a delegate at U.N. sessions for various councils and commissions.

Mrs. Joukovsky has arranged various home economics programs on food and nutrition.

Mrs. Hardingham was formerly editor of the house-organ for Technical Material Corporation of Maranoneck. For the last four years she has been Director of Volunteers of United Hospital.

United Fund

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for \$5,000 to the Fund.

Mr. Hulsey continued, "Avon is proud to be a citizen of Rye. It's a fine community; and this quality is maintained by the efforts of its people who care and contribute to its constant betterment.

"As a past commercial chairman of the Rye United Fund, I am particularly aware of the importance of this drive. These funds are the major source of revenue for many civic organizations.

"The business citizen is a key factor in the mainstream of our community's success and individual spirit. I hope that all the business citizens here in Rye recognize the responsibility they have to share in the preservation of this community's character."

Airman Gedney Gets Commendation Medal

Airman First Class Robert W. Gedney II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Gedney of 34 Sanford Street, has received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Niagara Falls International Airport, N. Y.

Airman Gedney was decorated for meritorious service as an electrician at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam. He was cited for his outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and devotion to duty.

He is now at Niagara Falls International Airport with the Air Defense Command which protects the U. S. against enemy air attack.

Airman Gedney is a 1961 graduate of Rye High School.