

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Biggest Sale Of The Year

The Annual "Riverhead Sale Days" are known far and wide as the biggest sale event on Eastern Long Island. That's why members of the Riverhead Merchant's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the sale, will be pulling out all stops in an effort to bring customers the greatest values of the year.

It's a common occurrence to find current fashion merchandise at one half the normal selling price. There are even bigger and better super bargains in most stores to be found on bargain tables and special sale sections. Here, you can find bargains sometimes for as little as one-tenth the original cost. Of course on these super specials merchants don't always have every size and style, but the selection is still there.

This year's sale has added emphasis with the arrival of Swezey's Department Store. It has taken its place among Riverheads progressive merchandisers. This fine new store offers the boutique look of the smaller store and has counters brimming over with the latest in fashions and house wares.

Add the abundance of parking, the ease of entrance and exit, the liberal credit policy, plus friendly, home town courteous service and you have a heck of a nice place to shop. Put a super-duper sale on top of it like "Riverhead Sale Days" and we are certain everyone will be there.

If you still are not convinced why you should be shopping right now, just take a look at the wonderful bargains that the merchants are offering in the sale section of this paper this week. And why not?

Frustration

"The prevailing attitude in this nation and in Suffolk County is one of frustration," so stated Suffolk County Republican leader Edwin "Buzz" Schwenck in a recent column in Suffolk Life. We are sure that much of the frustration he alluded to comes from being asked to accept the political bull he went on to talk about.

As Republican political leader, Mr. Schwenck has the responsibility of trying to get Mr. Rockefeller reelected. Mr. Schwenck has taken upon himself the job of trying to take the onus of the Long Island Railroad debacle away from Mr. Rockefeller. It is Mr. Schwenck's job to make a hero out of Mr. Rockefeller and to perpetuate Mr. Rockefeller's claim that the Long Island Railroad is the finest in the nation. We would like to clarify a few things for Mr. Schwenck so that he may fully understand what the frustration in the country and in Suffolk County is all about.

1. We all agree that the Pennsylvania Railroad drained the Long Island Railroad dry and that most of the rolling stock belongs in a museum. The frustrating thing is that banks, public officials, foundations and corporate heads, living in New York, owned stock and had financial interests in the Pennsylvania Railroad and subsidiary companies. That they knowingly allowed the Pennsylvania to drain the L. I. R. R. to the point where the state had to take over and bail it out with taxpayers' money is nothing short of criminal.
2. It is said that a commuter line cannot make a profit;

therefore government must step in to keep it going. This is pure bunk. If government had stopped permitting ridiculously low fares and forcing unreasonable labor costs the railroad could have operated at a profit. With a profit motive reinstated through less government intervention, service and equipment would have improved. As it stands, there are no incentives to provide good service, good equipment, trains that are on time and operating costs in line with sound business practices. Rates will skyrocket and there will be no one to fight for the commuter.

3. Mr. Schwenck mentioned that millions of dollars had been poured into the railroad. That is right - millions of dollars of our tax monies plus millions more that our children will have to pay to pay for Mr. Rockefeller's wild borrowing. Millions of dollars have been spent on a project that very few of us wanted or endorsed. If the proposition to buy the Long Island Railroad had been put to the voters in the form of a referendum it would have gone down to an overwhelming defeat. This rampant state intervention is one of our greatest sources of frustration. We are being told that we are paying for services that we asked for. This is not true. The politicians, however, keep insisting that it is.

4. Mr. Schwenck mentions that the Suffolk delegation was responsible for approval of more than \$5,000,000 in appropriations for station maintenance and new rolling stock. Obviously he does not go near the stations or use the railroad because he would understand our frustration. The stations in this area have never been in worse shape. They are dilapidated, filthy, smelly and a disgrace. The cars are relics that have been discarded from other railroads. There are broken windows, holes in the floors, ripped seats, filth and rust. They are a hazard to life and limb. Our frustration here is, if \$5,000,000 of our money has been spent, where are the improvements. Furthermore, why doesn't Mr. Schwenck mention the \$1,000,000 that the county has taken from it by the state each year for those beautiful stations or the mortgage tax that is going for railroad improvements.

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railroad for the benefit of the folks out her in eastern Suffolk. It's this kind of political bull that really gets us frustrated. 99 percent of us couldn't give a damn if the Long Island Railroad ended tomorrow. The bi-county master plan doesn't even call for a railroad in eastern Suffolk. Most of us remember when the Long Island was on strike and the Sunrise Coach Line of Greenport ran a bus service into New York. Those of us who used it found it far superior to the railroad and petitioned that the bus line be allowed to continue this service. The petition was denied by Mr. Rockefeller's political agencies made up of political refugees.

If Mr. Schwenck is really honest about the situation, he would have to admit that Mr. Rockefeller hasn't done any of us any favors except those who have their heads in the political trough. New York State, and particularly Suffolk County, would have been a lot farther ahead if Mr. Rockefeller had tried to use California as his presidential springboard instead of New York. We understand that Mr. Schwenck has to make a valiant effort to support Mr. Rockefeller, but, being a conservative Republican, as he claims, why support the socialistic takeover of the Long Island Railroad. There must be something that Rockefeller has done RIGHT Buzz; we can't think of anything offhand but surely you, as Republican leader, must be able to. And why not?

You Don't Own It

Your home is your castle; at least that's what we like to think. But let's take a second look. In today's real world your home may be your castle but you will never

own it even after the mortgage is paid. The government owns it. They have an irrevocable lifetime chattel on your property that can never expire unless the people of this state see fit to change the law.

This was brought out very vividly when one of Suffolk Life's employees had the audacity to complain to the county because she found a bulldozer ripping up her lawn one morning. Being extremely upset she promptly took herself to the Suffolk County Center and, after being shuffled around for half a day from one incompetent to another, she finally found someone who seemed to know something. His reaction to her outrage was "What are you getting so upset about?" "You don't own the property anyway." "The county is just letting you live on it, didn't you know that?" What he was referring to was the fact that if you do not pay your taxes for a year the county has the right to seize and sell your property out from under you. In reality he is right. We can never own our property free and clear as long as the government can seize it if we do not pay taxes on it.

What she had gone to complain about was the fact that the county was putting a new road right through her property. Consider these facts. The county had failed to notify her that they had seized her property under the public condemnation proceedings more than two years before. The county had continued to collect taxes from her on this property even though the county was the owner. The county published its condemnation notice in a paper of very limited circulation and in a circulation area more than forty miles away from where she lived. The county never sent her a registered letter or any other form of communication informing her of their final action. The county never gave her one cent of compensation for the seized property.

Does it occur to you, as it does to us, that the attitude of these bureaucrats, and the enormous power they wield under public condemnation, should be harnessed in some way? She, as a citizen, felt that she would have had a better chance of protecting her own property under fascism or communism.

It is incredible the things that we, as citizens, allow our government to get away with. Why don't we demand safeguards to stop these bureaucratic monsters, who call themselves public servants from stepping all over us. Why should the town, county, state, or any other agency be permitted to come in and take our property. Are not our rights as citizens as important as those of government? What is this form of government all about that we as individual citizens have given up our right to own property?

The situation here is not just an isolated incident. The very same thing is happening all over the state. If an individual does not like what is going on or wishes to protest the taking of his property he has to resort to very expensive and lengthy court proceedings. In the meantime his property is seized and he receives no compensation. There is practically no way he can fight back. To further complicate the issue is the abuse such as this woman was put through from incompetent idiots who work in our government agencies and offices. It is bad enough that they are wasting our money by taking up floor space, but when they act like little gods and abuse and insult people then something must be done.

We think that Mr. Duryea and Mr. Giuffreda and their opponents should have something to say on this subject being as how it is an election year. We would like to have their thoughts on legislation that would protect the rights of individuals in New York State. We happen to think that the rights of individuals are a heck of a lot more important than those of the state. And why not?

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Food For Thought

We have learned that Governor Rockefeller's campaign strategists are planning to make much political hay out of the educational facilities that have been created under Rockefeller's aegis. We hope that they point out all the facts, but, if they do, we doubt that it will do the governor's image much good.

Consider the governor's dedication to building the most elaborate system of liberal higher education in the east. Stonybrook is a good example. To insure its liberal succession the stage engaged many of the professors who were ousted from the University of California at Berkeley after Ronald Reagan became governor. Their presence has been felt. They have perpetuated and spread their liberal leanings into all areas of influence in the Stonybrook community. Never before have we witnessed such catastrophic drug abuse in the area. Never have we seen such a disregard for law and order. The militancy and abusiveness of many of the residents of this Rockefeller establishment are appalling. At a time when most people, and particularly university and college communities, are concerned with ecology, we have Rockefeller's "planned" university dumping the sewage of 10,000 students into the sewer system of Port Jefferson which was never intended to handle this kind of load. Could this be the reason why fishermen and boaters are reporting finding human waste floating miles off Port Jefferson harbor?

Let's take a brief look at our elementary and secondary schools. California, which surpassed New York in population during Rockefeller's terms of office, boasts a lower teacher-pupil ratio which means that each pupil receives more individual attention. It costs New York State more, however, to educate a child than it does in California, so we can only conclude that Rockefeller is perpetuating wasteful practices in our educational system. These practices have been going on now for twelve years. Do you want another four years of the same fiscal abuses?

Take a look at your property taxes now and those of twelve years ago. A great deal of the increases have gone for school taxes. If your taxes are about average you are paying about half to support the school system. Now take a look at the school budget that you get a chance to vote on. School Boards have cried for years that almost 90 percent of the budgets are state (Rockefeller) mandated. These boards have stated that there are many areas in which savings could be realized and that they could educate your children for less money. They are forced to spend your money however, because the state (Rockefeller) mandates most of the items in the school budget.

Consider the cost of building new school facilities. Talk to your school board members about these buildings and they will tell you that they could build much more practical facilities at far less cost if they were not mandated by the state for accreditation. Our point is borne out when you compare our public institutions with parochial and private school construction. These schools are often built at half the cost of comparable public schools. They are functional, safe and well equipped. They may not be elaborate and boast fewer frills, but the kids get good educations there. Isn't that, after all, what we as parents are in-

terested in? Our children and our children's children will be paying off the school bond issues that Mr. Rockefeller has floated and all of this so he can boast of what he has given us when election time rolls around.

We are willing to bet that just about every parent would like to return the schools to the pre-Rockefeller days. Remember the days when a student went to school to get an education and if he didn't respect the establishment he got bounced? Remember when students had to dress properly and present themselves in an orderly fashion or be suspended? Remember when the teacher was king in the classroom and, as such, was given the respect and attention needed for a good learning environment?

We are sure that Mr. Rockefeller's high-priced public relations experts don't plan on exposing you to these matters this Fall. We do hope, however, that you look at the governor's record on education objectively. Consider what he has given you and then consider what he has taken out of your hide to give it. And why not?

Business Is Booming

You pick up the daily financial papers or read the financial columns and they spell out the woes of business around the country. The stock market is still way off, manufacturing is down, retail sales are down, unemployment is up. Things look pretty gloomy until you look at our economy out here on the east end. In conversations with business leaders we find that just the opposite is true out here. Their sales are up and, in some cases, substantially.

Many of our businessmen report the best year they have ever had - both sales wise and profitwise. These businesses run the gamut from necessities to luxuries. Stores and businesses that sell most of their merchandise for pennies to those that sell in the thousands.

We think that this can be attributed to the progressive independence of many of these businesses

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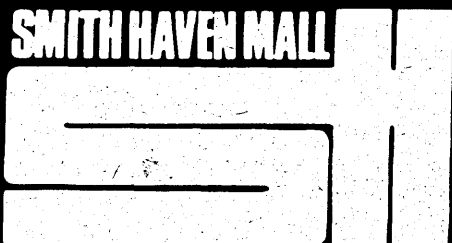
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and their ability to run a tight ship during distressing times. Most of all, however, it is your loyalty to our east end businesses. Your continual patronage has encouraged many of these businesses to keep their stock at peaks and to expand to meet your needs. It is mostly because of you that the east end has not felt the effects of a poor business period and because of this there have been relatively few layoffs or cut-backs in our independent businesses.

We thank all of you for keeping eastern Long Island booming. And why not?

Almost A Miracle

Miracles do happen! We have often wondered how and why. Saturday before last we found out. This was the day of the big Rotary barbecue. To cook almost 5000 dinners takes no little prior preparation. During the height of this critical preparation - like when you cook the chicken, ribs, potatoes and corn - it rained. It didn't just rain - it poured. It teemed, it smoked. It was a genuine tropical cloudburst that lasted for two hours. Fires went out, charcoal got soaked, the ground was floating and then we found out what miracles are made of. Cooperation, ingenuity, coordination and plain hard work. Somehow, in less than an hour, new charcoal was secured, pits were dried and ignited and the barbecue was back in business.

We commend the leaders of Rotary and particularly Dan Fricke who had the awesome responsibility of coordinating what almost turned out to be a disaster. It was a huge success. We thank the 3000 plus people who turned out to enjoy this barbecue despite the weather conditions and who, for the first time, had to stand in line to be served. Their patience was marvelous and we know that many of Rotary's worthwhile charities will be served well because of their support. An incredible job well done. And why not?

CHANNEL 21 (WLIW) will present a three-part series for scientific-minded viewers when SCIENCE AND SOCIETY premieres on Monday, August 17, at 7:30 pm. The programs, a series of conversations with world-renowned scientists, places emphasis on the relationship and responsibility of science to our complicated world. The guest scientists, Dr. Jonas Salk, Dr. Carl Rogers and Dr. Jacob Bronowski, discuss in layman's terms their concepts of the role of science in the modern world.

You

Scientific-

In the first of the three conversations to be telecast on the Long Island community station, Dr. Bronowski, a resident fellow at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California, talks about science and human values.

Minded?

Dr. Rogers, a resident fellow at the Center for the Studies of the Person in La Jolla, describes the technique of encounter groups on the August 24 segment; and, in the third interview scheduled for August 31, Dr. Salk discusses the discovery of polio vaccine and describes his current research on a cure for cancer.

Dr. Paul Saltman of the University of California will host the series to be aired on CHANNEL 21 on the three consecutive Mondays at 7:30 pm.

The following is a message from U. S. Naval Reserve Training Facility in Riverhead.

Hail

Chief!

"If you're a former petty officer, the Naval Reserve needs you to pass along your valuable knowledge and skills to today's young seamen. Find out if you can qualify, and serve right here in your hometown Naval Reserve Training Center. For more information, call SM1 Swick at 727-7420 or visit 1405 Old Country Road in Riverhead. Why not be something special, again."