



YEAR ROUND BUSINESS

Suffolk County could have a flourishing year round tourist business instead of the present, mediocre, summer season it now enjoys. Eastern Long Island is a picturesque wonderland twelve months a year.

Mother Nature covers our spacious fields and wooded countryside with her blanket of white during many winter weeks. Just the sight of such breathtaking beauty is a treat for many city dwellers and people from warmer climates. Our lakes and inlets freeze over to offer excellent ice-skating, frost and ice fishing and ice boating. Many such frozen waters could be well lit for evening fun. Our highway departments do a better than average job keeping our main roads free from snow and ice allowing safe travel for visitor and resident while some of our snow covered back roads are ideal for sledding or moonlight horse drawn sleigh rides. We have several, good amateur, theatrical productions during the winter months, the latest Broadway movies and foreign films, concerts, good restaurants, museums and historic places, and interesting shops to visit.

Spring adorns our landscape with green lawns, blossoming shrubs, and freshly planted farm acres. Ice no longer bedecks our waters. They now flow clear and cool with, perhaps, a new family of swans and ducks for house guests or bustling with activity and shining boats. There's something for every type of sailor on Eastern Long Island whether his yacht be a sixty foot cabin cruiser or an eight foot dory. To keep physically fit and the pantry full there's lake, stream, deep sea or surf fishing. Driftwood collectors find our wind and water swept beaches an endless treasure chest of myriad shapes. There are auctions and antique shops to browse through and sweet smelling woods to walk in. The gourmet can feast on fresh picked strawberries and other delicious local farm produce purchased at freshly painted stands that dot our roads. The more energetic people can pick their own strawberries under a warm, lazy sky.

The hot summer sun sends thousands of visitors to Suffolk but we do not make the most of potentially the best tourist season of the year. In fact many local people deeply resent this invasion of their privacy. We have the World's finest beaches. Where else can you go and be within

fifteen minutes of beautiful ocean, bay, or sound beaches with sparkling unpolluted waters to swim in. Our shores are dotted with numerous tiny coves, bays and inlets - perfect for any sort of boating and fishing. Visitors can enjoy the thrill of deep sea fishing by boarding a chartered boat from Montauk any day of the week. When the sun sets cool sea breezes sweep our shores insuring a pleasant night's sleep for the weary cliff dweller or traveler. There are exotic, quaint, and modest places to wine and dine depending on one's mood and budget. East Hampton's John Drew offers the very best in summer stock productions and clothesline art show. To the west, theatre goers can enjoy shows at the Gateway in Bellport and on the North Fork we have the playhouse in Mattituck.

Indian summer prolongs the swimming and boating season until the end of September. Then fall garbs our hills and dale in a brilliant array of crimsons, golds, and rusts. Our foliage is a diadem of breathtaking color. It's too bad we hoard this beauty to ourselves. We greet our exodus of summer visitors with a loud cheer and a sigh of relief.

We cry poverty and do nothing to change our status quo. Tourism is the best way to make Eastern Long Island prosperous while still retaining and preserving its natural beauty and charm. Metropolitan New York because of its vastness and proximity is an ideal market for us to glean tourists from. However, we must widen our perspective and realize that we have a unique, year round, vacation spot that should be advertised throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Let's make 1965 the year we come alive. Any Why Not?

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BE A GOOD SCOUT

The Suffolk County Boy Scouts will conduct a fund raising drive from February 8th through February 15th. They need to collect a minimum of \$200,000 for the coming fiscal year. To many of us this may seem a huge sum of money to spend on a good time for young boys. Suffolk Life feels it is a small price to pay for a better American youth - a tiny sum for instilling in these impressionable citizens of tomorrow a sense of decency, love of Country under God, self reliance, sportsmanship, resourcefulness, respect for authority, and numerous other qualities the scout movement is noted for.

This \$200,000 enables the Boy Scouts to keep their various camps, pays for their scout directors and administrators, and financially assists boys who, otherwise, would not be able to afford scouting.

Suffolk Life covers the Peconic Bay District which has to raise \$20,000 as its share of 1965's expenses. We urge all residents, whether they have a boy in scouts or not, to give a little something to this worthy cause. A few cents or dollars is an investment that pays off in better Americans.

Sustaining memberships are being issued for a minimum pledge of \$10.00 but the scouts gladly welcome a donation of any size. Don't forget to give to the Boy Scouts - February 8th through February 15th.

FAIR AND JUST

The Suffolk County Board of Supervisors has been ordered to readjust its voting power along the lines of population instead of the present one vote per town representation.

This decision is fair on one hand and grossly unfair on the other. It is only right that the large masses of people residing in western Suffolk be truly represented according to population. However, it is unjust that the lion's roar of the majority drown out the needs and wishes of the five eastern towns. The five eastern towns represent about half the land area of Suffolk County. Yet, this decision would give the western towns 90 percent of the voting power bloc.

There is talk of secession - of dividing Suffolk into two counties. We do not think this is the answer. Instead, we suggest a dual system of

County government similar to the federal and state with one group of representatives based on population and another group of representatives based on area. Each group would have equal power. Thus, assuring a balance of power between eastern and western Suffolk. All interests would be served but the western towns would not dominate eastern Suffolk and eastern Suffolk would not inhibit the west. A fair and just system must be worked out to give both representation of people and physical area. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Dear Mr. Willmott,

I am writing to tell you our family enjoys reading Suffolk Life including Gary Dean (5 months old), the youngest member of our family.

Mrs. Robert Schwarz

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