



Good-Bye Truth, Hello Election Year!

Last week, the Democrats nominated Assistant District Attorney Matthews for Suffolk D. A. They by-passed able and popular Edwyn Silberling and chose a reject from the Republican Party. Immediately following his surprise nomination Matthews hurled charges of conspiracy with the underworld against the Republican Committee and his opponent, Babylon Attorney, George Aspland. Republican District Attorney Smith has ordered Matthews to present the full facts before the July grand jury. Matthews is complaining that his investigation cannot be complete until September and that the early date with the grand jury will keep the truth buried. Of course, the Republicans have denied the charges on no uncertain terms.

Unfortunately, public confidence in both parties, its leaders, and nominees has been shaken due to these irresponsible charges. If Matthews really knows of such underworld connections, it should have been brought to the attention of his boss, D. A. Smith and John Q. Public long before this. Accusations following rejection by the Republican Committee and a last minute endorsement by the Democrats makes the whole mess a political farce. County Democratic Leader Lawrence Delaney as the man responsible for pushing Silberling aside and nominating Matthews is ruining the image of the Party he heads. He must think the average voter is a bumbling idiot. Whether or not Matthews charges are true his use of them casts serious doubt on what kind of a District Attorney he would be.

Silberling has been a very competent investigator....well known and admired throughout the County. We hope he runs in the primary and racks up an overwhelming victory. We also hope that Lawrence Delaney will re-evaluate his methods of building a strong Suffolk Democratic Party. This ridiculous state of affairs coming closely after he buried the new judgeships bill is nothing but shoddy ward politics.

Welcome to Southampton



Southampton has some of the finest ocean beaches in the United States. For many years residents of Southampton and the surrounding communities have enjoyed the sun, surf and sandy beaches. Recently more and more right of ways have been closed to the public. This year all right of ways are closed on weekends to residents and non-residents of Southampton Town.

We can't imagine what the Town officials hope to gain by such actions. We wonder if the Town Board is empowered to shut down all the right of ways that were deeded to the Town specifically for public use. Residents of this area have a right to know why they cannot enjoy Suffolk's beaches. We will be happy to print any information that can throw some light on Dune Road's "NO PARKING ALLOWED" beaches.

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BUY NOW AND SAVE

Any major item purchased during the month of July can mean a substantial saving to the buyer due to the present tax structure. The ten percent excise tax has been reduced by three percent on automobiles and completely wiped away on other major appliances such as a washing machine or refrigerator.

By buying now you can save two percent more because you will avoid the impending statewide two percent sales tax. On top of this most car dealers and appliance stores have drastically reduced their prices because the 1966 products will soon be on the market. July of this year is certainly a buyers market and a good time to save. And Why Not?

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Senate has passed a bill to reduce the retiring age of social security recipients to sixty years. This reduction will be optional on the part of the individual and carry with it 2/3's of his maximum benefits. The Social Security forced savings plan needs adjustments in other areas, too. It is unfair that in order to receive back monies you have paid in you must not be earning over \$1,200. yearly income up to 72 years of age. Most incomes from social security are not nearly enough to support a person or couple. Furthermore what difference does it make how much more a person is earning. It's his money and he has a right to receive it no matter what his circumstances are. Many of our senior citizens find it impossible to retire after leading very active lives. Most people want to be self supporting and to continue at one job or another. Some advocates of social security argue that forced retirement is necessary in order to keep jobs open for young people. What about the older men and women who served faithfully and capably for many years. Government should leave the decision of when to retire up to the individual and his employer. We hope that Congress will rid the social security system of all its inadequacies.



East Quogue, N.Y.
July 7, 1965

Dear Mr. Willmott:

- In answer to your article "Welcome to Southampton" in your July 7th issue of Suffolk Life, your first two sentences are correct: 'Southampton has some of the finest ocean beaches in the United States. For many years residents of Southampton and the surrounding communities have enjoyed the sun, surf and sandy beaches'. We residents enjoyed our beaches until we become overrun with non-residents who, literally, made garbage dumps of the beaches. People who had no regard for others, littering the sand and roads with bottles, cans, etc., even using the surrounding dunes as latrines.

Since this was a situation which could not continue without creating a serious health menace, the township created a bathing area, providing ample parking space, restrooms, charging a nominal fee for a season's permit (the fee to help defray the cost of upkeep). These same people who made the beaches unfit for resident's use are out to get all they can for nothing, so they will not buy a permit to use the beach facilities provided by the taxpayer. In an effort to force the offenders to use the town beaches where their actions can be controlled, the rights of way in question were closed. These rights of way are not public roads but Trustee's rights of way which can be opened or closed by the Town Board of Trustees or the Town Board.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



July 9, 1965

HOT ROD SAILORS

As our water ways become more and more crowded, nautical accidents increase. A boat like a car must be run by a responsible, mature person. Otherwise he is a hazard to himself and everyone else in the water. Most of our life is governed by federal, state and local regulations. If mishaps continue on the waterways, laws will have to be formulated, passed and enforced to protect the lives and property of every private seafarer. Privacy and freedom are too sweet to throw away needlessly. All we must do to keep them is to act like a rational responsible human being whether we travel on land, sea, or in the air. And Why Not?

A GOOD FEELING

Everyone who contributed time or money must have felt proud when the new community ambulance was delivered in Riverhead. Our fast growing County Seat has long needed a town ambulance to supplement Reg Tuthill's private ambulance service. Mr. Tuthill has faithfully and unselfishly provided the only ambulance service in Riverhead for many years. However, our population increase demanded a community ambulance. The people of Riverhead and the hard working drive committee are to be congratulated on their success.

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Dear Sir:

I read with incredulity the biased, factually distorted editorial on Southampton Beaches that appeared in last week's issue of Suffolk Life.

It is generally recognized in the newspaper field that an editor has an obligation to get the facts before writing an editorial. The facts with respect to the Southampton Beaches have always been available to anyone interested in ascertaining them. A mere telephone call to the Southampton Town Hall or to any member of the Town Board would have produced these facts. However since the writer of the particular editorial was either too indolent or incompetent to obtain the facts I think it incumbent on me, as a member of the Southampton Town Board, to set forth the facts regarding the Southampton Town Beaches.

The Town of Southampton has developed maintains, and operates eight of the most beautiful beaches to be found anywhere. These beaches provide large parking fields, sanitary facilities, refreshment stands and life guard protection. The cost of the beaches has been and is being paid by the taxpayers of the Town and the beaches are available to taxpayers, residents and visitors for a moderate parking fee on a daily, half-seasonal or seasonal basis.

The right of ways, on which parking has been prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays between the hours of 8:00 AM, and 8:00 PM, are not and never have been beaches, and to permit their use as beaches is detrimental to the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town.

Until about five years ago the use of these right of ways presented no particular problem. The number of people using them was moderate and the manner of use was proper. Starting in the summer of 1959 and increasing every year since the conditions that prevailed on these right of ways on weekends became more and more disgraceful. Every weekend they were jammed with cars of out of town visitors. The occupants of these cars descended on the

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CONTRACT AWARDED

Governor Rockefeller announced last week that the American Machine and Foundry Company has been awarded the contract to build Suffolk's nuclear-powered desalinization and power plant in the Northville area of Riverhead. Riverhead will purchase its water and the Long Island Lighting Company will buy the plant's electricity. This multi-faceted plant will also produce high energy isotopes of great importance in our national program.

News that the desalinization plant will soon be a reality should make us very proud and happy to be residents of this area. Suffolk has not yet felt the pressures of the drought which is drying up the Central and Eastern States, but ten years from now could bring drastic changes. Western Long Island's water has already become contaminated due to detergents and salt water seepage. Moreover, our spiraling population will put a big drain on our natural resources. Steps such as the construction of the desalinization plant are a good start to heading off local, statewide, and national water shortages.

President Johnson, cognizant of the problem, just recently ordered the government to study the best way to preserve our natural water resources and to investigate other methods of obtaining fresh water. Nassau and Suffolk have also been compiling information on their local water problems. So far Suffolk has been negligent in gathering pertinent details. As a result the bi-county study is bogged down. We hope the announcement of the new American Machine and Foundry Company plant will give H. Lee Dennison and the Board of Supervisors a jolt to get going before we have to ration our water usage.

ANSWER FOR CHRISTMAS

Edward McGowan, Chairman of the Long Island New England Bridge Study Commission announced that their work will be completed by December. At which time all re-

ports will be made public. We look forward to learning which bridge the Commission deems most feasible. Under consideration are the Orient Point-Rhode Island span, a Rocky Point-East Marion, Connecticut span, and a Port Jefferson-Bridgeport, Connecticut span. Whichever bridge is decided upon all plans for its construction must be made by 1967 in order for the bridge to be incorporated into the interstate highway program. This way the the 90 percent of the cost will be footed by the federal government.

More and more eastern Long Islanders are welcoming the bridge as a necessary means of opening up the tip of the Island. Undoubtedly, it will bring changes but tomorrow cannot be escaped by taking a step backwards. Long Island is destined to become more suburban and less rural. It can only retain its charm and beauty by proper planning and attracting the right kind of industry. Industry needs transportation. Traffic to and from New York is getting worse. We desperately need better roads, a county airport, and a bridge to New England. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Wading River Road
Manorville, L.I., N.Y.
July 8, 1965

Mr. David Willmott:
Dear Sir:

Thanks for your paper each week, I recently bought a home out here but I also received your paper in Port Jefferson, when I lived there for a year previously
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