



Congratulations!

Suffolk Life would like to congratulate the youth of Riverhead on their plans and work on a youth center for the area. Some weeks ago a group of young people decided that the area needed a place where they could feel at home; a center for their activities and a place where they could be young and express themselves without finding themselves in conflict with the rest of the community. Instead of waiting for the red tape of government to unravel they set out to create a youth center themselves. They appointed committees, selected a location, asked for guidance from some of the older residents that think young and set goals for themselves—one of which was to raise \$5000.

Many felt that to raise \$5000. was an impossible goal, but, with the help of a marathon radio broadcast sponsored by WHRF and its program director, Don Cannon, and Marty Isaacs of The Hole In The Wall, the money was raised in less than two days. Everywhere we looked there were kids on the streets manning phones and working for this center.

Our young people have proved that they are willing to work for this center. They have devoted their time, energy and money. They have proved conclusively and constructively that they take this idea of a youth center seriously. They want a place where they can go and a place where they belong. At this point their effort deserves the support of the entire community.

A youth center can be a fine addition to any community. It can be a place where young people can use their time constructively and responsibly. To those who question that a youth center will only be a hang-out where people will get in trouble, we say that this could be true if the circumstances were different. Our young people wanted this center and know the responsibilities that they must take in having it. Their actions have indicated that they possess the maturity and the wisdom that will continue to make the center a credit to themselves.

We think this project has shown the entire community that we have a pretty good group of young people here in this area that we should all be proud of. It goes without saying that we are lucky to have people like Mr. Marty and Don Cannon and his station WHRF who take a constructive interest in the young people and are willing to donate their facilities and time to projects such as this. We hope that the center proceeds with the same enthusiasm and success that it has started with. And Why Not?

Guaranteed Income

The New York State Welfare Department, in a desperate move to untangle some of the mess that it has created, is going to try to institute the nation's first guaranteed income plan. Welfare recipients will be given a flat sum of money each month.

No longer will the requirement of "need" be the criterion for this dole. Under the new plan it will be the right of those demanding the funds to have them. No longer will there be a check to see if there is legitimate need for this money nor supervision on how it is spent.

This reckless, irresponsible and Socialistic move is going to cost an additional \$90,000,000. The money will come from those who are trying to be responsible citizens by holding down jobs and paying taxes. It will mean that the spendable income of our already over-taxed citizens will be cut even more to line the pockets of the welfare recipients.

This publication does not want to see anybody denied assistance who is definitely in need of it. Nor do we want to see anyone denied aid that might keep them from hunger or shelter if they are in this predicament because of circumstances beyond their control. We feel that aid, in the form of relief is the responsibility of all of us. We have no right to deny our fellowman a helping hand when he is in need. Neither does a man have the right to expect another to earn a living for him, and this is just what a guaranteed income amounts to.

The cheating and squandering of funds, under the present welfare system, is known to all of us. To institute a guaranteed income, with all checks and balances eliminated, is utterly foolish, wrongheaded and immoral.

Our legislative butterflies, who dart about the corridors of government, brainstorming ways in which to sock it to us seem to forget that we're getting just a bit fed up with their nonsense.

It is all too obvious that our administrators and government officials have lost track of the responsibilities that man has unto himself. No man is owed

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a living; no man is owed an income. If a person is in a jam his fellowman should extend a helping hand not give him a golden mattress.

It is the moral obligation of a welfare recipient to get off the welfare roles as soon as he or she can find gainful employment. Welfare should be put on a self-help basis of a temporary nature. Let's get welfare going in the right direction. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott;

I want to thank you for your article entitled, 'Gun Hysteria' in your recent issue. It shows clear concise rational thinking so rare in most of the gun editorials today. One is given the impression that with gun registration all our troubles will be over and crimes of violence will cease.

A recent letter by John Butler to the Editor of The Hampton Bays News is well worth reading.

If every gun was registered and a fee of one dollar was levied can you imagine what a lucrative and hitherto untapped source of revenue this would be? I'll bet our tax gathering officials have it all figured.

Such a tax might well in time be confiscatory.

Very truly,
Joseph Raynor

Dear Sir;

In reference to your editorial "Gun Hysteria" I am very much in agreement with you.

I have hunted large and small game in Western New York and have handled firearms since I was 14 years of age, and am now seventy-one, and never had an accident, having been taught by my father, who was a policeman in New Jersey, and I taught my two sons who were crack shots when they joined the airforce in World War II.

And regarding the Sullivan Law, I was told when a boy that it was a big joke, and I still say it is, and as you say once they get the law through it will be like Germany.

I cannot understand why any normal person cannot own a shotgun and (or) rifle, as the criminals will always get theirs.

If my name could help and keep this law from being passed I would be willing to be first on the list, otherwise I will sign my name, as follows.

Senior Citizen Gun Owner
Hampton Bays, New York

I am a subscriber to your paper and consider it one of the best.

Dear Sir,

I hope that the paranoid who wrote the editorial Gun Hysteria, is safely back in Pilgrim State.

This provincialism substantiates your gun confiscation objection under Hitler when it is a historical fact that he unleashed the greatest release of guns in the history of mankind. He came to power with a gun and mankind is yet to recover from that holocaust.

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**Willmott's
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BY DAVID J. WILLMOTT, Editor.

Right To Vote

Last week President Johnson urged that the voting age be lowered to eighteen. We whole heartedly support the President. It is archaic and unrealistic to postpone the voting franchise until twenty-one. A great majority of eighteen year olds are working full time, maintain their own residences, and are responsible spouses. Many others have died to preserve the American way of life at eighteen, nineteen, and twenty. If these young men and women can assume such burdensome responsibilities, surely, we can give them the right to vote, so that they can help determine the shape of their future.

The young people of today are as interested in politics as their parents were in football, fraternities, and marks. Some of them know more about what's going on in the world than the quite often busy suburbanite or career gal and guy. High School awakens their desire to be good and active citizens and then we deny them the opportunity to properly channel these interests.

It is time for our elected officials to recognize the growing need of young people to really be part of the political arena. We can no longer ask them to fight our wars, pay taxes, and assume the responsible role of spouse and parent. Yet, say they are too young to be full citizens.

All of us should welcome the fresh breath of idealism to give new life to a political system that has become steeped in a bureaucratic bog of inaction and exorbitant costs. Is a desire for a better life so frightening to the rest of us who would rather be safe than sorry? Part of the greatness of America has been its flexibility to cope with new problems, and philosophies. Let us become even greater by recognizing this very large segment of our population that is crying to be full fledged responsible citizens.

If we don't want them lining up in the streets, let them line up at the voting booth. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott,

"There Oughta Be a Law"

Should there be a law to prevent criminals from legally obtaining firearms?

To set the record straight, there has been a federal law since 1938 applicable to all states, governing the receipt and

possession of firearms and ammunition by criminals. Publication No. 364 by the U.S. Treasury Dept. on the Federal Firearms Act under Section 902 Paragraph (F) reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year or is a fugitive from justice to receive any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, and the possession of a firearm or ammunition by any such person shall be presumptive evidence that such firearm or ammunition was shipped or transported or received, as the case may be, by such person in violation of this chapter."

If the American people still believe they need more gun laws there are an estimated 20,000 Federal and State and Local Laws which can be enforced against people who misuse firearms.

Would not the enforcement of these existing Federal, State and Local Laws regulating firearms help the crime problem?

Mr. Willmott our thanks for the great job you do with your column, rather than trying to smear mud like other columns and bog the real issue on hand, you pointed out the nation was really trying to sooth its conscience in the wrong way! Thank you once again.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph Faszczewski Jr.
Sec. Mattuck Gun Club Inc.

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Re-your editorial in the June 26th issue of SUFFOLK LIFE: opposition to Gun-control can also be hysterical. Certainly Federal gun-control laws will not end violence, however they can reduce violence. I believe that we should take our cue from other nations that have strict gun-control legislation. Their effectiveness is well documented.

Respectfully,
The Rev. Edward M. Myers, Pastor
Shinnecock Presbyterian Church.

Dear Sir:

I almost wish I could say that I despise your paper, but it would not be true. I have enjoyed it, and many of your editorials in the past. I am sorry to say that your Memorial Day editorial is wide open for adverse criticism. In fact, it leads me to believe that you are spending too many hours on your own paper and not keeping up with the times. Your typical ancient type of flag waving is out-moded, and, thankfully, a thing of the past.

For the record: I am not a member of any minority group. I have everything in my favor for a contented life in these
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Legal Thievery

This publication has warned, on many occasions, of the awesome power wielded by public authorities and the possible misuse of responsibility by those in power within these authorities. We particularly tried to bring these points out when we asked for the defeat of the 2½ billion dollar transportation bond issue last fall. This week it came to light that the Transit Authority had granted its head a raise of \$25,000. This brings his salary to \$75,000, which is the second highest for public officials in the nation and is exceeded only by the \$100,000 made by the President of the United States. This salary raise was handled in complete secrecy behind closed doors and was not subject to the opinion or scrutiny of the public. It was done in as underhanded a manner as can be imagined.

This raise was given to a man who, in this publication's estimation, did not deserve it. We can see no visible evidence of progress in any form of public transportation since he or his authority have come into existence.

Under the socialistic ownership by the state, the Long Island Railroad is in worse shape than ever. Trains have been running late; commuters have been abandoned in the city by wildcat strikes; cars are inadequate, hot and dirty in the summer and cold and dirty in the winter. The morale of the security police is at a low ebb and the stations have become hangouts for undesirables. In short, the Long Island Railroad is in a mess under state ownership and under the control of Mr. Ronan.

Other forms of transportation are in varying degrees of poor shape, and we cannot see that the authority has done much of anything to improve the situation. What has happened, though, is that the authority has become an untouchable noose around the necks of the residents of New York. It is a monster with an insatiable appetite which is being fed by hard-working taxpayers' moneys and has returned little to justify its existence.

This publication feels that the legislature should abolish the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Authority, sell the Long Island Railroad back to private enterprise, lift restrictions on rates and allow it to operate as a business where fees charged meet services rendered and a willingness to pay for same.

The authority's unbridled use of power for the

private gain of its head is hard core evidence of the need to bring this untouchable authority under harness. The powers abdicated by the state government and placed in the hands of these men who control these authorities borders on being immoral. Where public monies are concerned, and public convenience is at stake, control should be maintained by bodies of government that are responsive to the will of the people.

The disgraceful action by the legislature in setting up authorities, such as the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Authority, to by-pass direct public control cannot be allowed to exist. Our elected officials should remember that no matter what form of government we have it should be of, by and for the people and not just paid for by the people.

In this particular case the governor, if he can find time from running for president, should demand that this immoral and, we believe, unethical misuse of public funds be rescinded and that Ronan and his authority should be called on the carpet for this underhanded use of power. And Why Not?

Rotary Barbecue Saturday, August 3rd.

The date has been announced for the fabulous Riverhead Rotary barbecue. This is the biggest summer outdoor affair on eastern Long Island. The location will be the same, the fabulous picnic grounds at Grumman Aircraft.

Besides all of the traditional trimmings that go with a barbecue, the big feature of the Rotary affair is that the kids are treated to all the rides they wish to take on the carnival rides on the grounds. Grumman has practically their own little Coney Island there. The kids can avail themselves of these rides to their hearts content at no extra cost to mom or dad.

As one gentleman described last year's affair, "It was the best time I have had in my life." This

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year promises to be equally good with tons of succulent barbecued chicken, mouth watering spare ribs, corn on the cob, famous Long Island potatoes, clam and liquid refreshments.

Last year over 4,000 people were served. The phenomenal part of this is that no one had to wait unreasonable amounts of time to be served. The Rotarians have ironed just about all of the kinks out of the system and do a super job of getting everybody served in record time.

We recommend that all get their tickets early. Unfortunately, there is a limit to how many the Rotarians can handle and we would hate to see anyone miss his opportunity.

All profits from this gigantic occasion are used to finance Rotary services throughout the community which cover everything from youth activities to international exchange programs.

You all come, and be sure to get your tickets early. Tickets may be purchased from any Riverhead Rotarian or at the Suffolk Life Office. The price is \$3.00 per adult and \$1.50 per child. What a bargain! And Why Not?

Three Little Pigs

Once upon a time there were three little pigs—you, me and the next guy. On one of those hot humid days last week we all went to the beach. There before us lay one of God's precious gifts—miles of clean sandy beaches, soft rolling waves, delightfully cooling waters and a few of one of mans' innovations...a gaggle of ugly trash cans. The breezes cooled us off, the water was refreshing and delightful and the sand was like a mattress under our feet.

Then the pig in us came out. You left a couple of coke bottles, caps and a few candy wrappers. I left last week's Suffolk Life, an empty six pack and a few half eaten sandwiches. The next guy did the same with his own variety of trash.

Mother Nature did the best she could to remedy the situation. Her winds blew away some of the paper, her seagulls ate some of the sandwiches and her tides washed out part of the debris.

Today we went back to this little bit of heaven... but it wasn't there. Instead of miles of clean sandy beaches we saw rusting beer cans, broken coke bottles, bits of paper and other debris littering the area. Where once delightfully fresh breezes had welcomed us, our nostrils were assailed with the stench of rotting garbage. The water that once was clean now had an oily scum upon it and looked as if the Board of Health would condemn it for swimming. The only thing that was the same were those ugly trash cans. They were still sitting there bleak, forlorn and empty.

EMPTY, EMPTY, EMPTY.....We wonder why we didn't throw our trash into them. Maybe if we had, you and the next guy would have done it also. Do you think so? Maybe we will do it the next time....

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Postal Problems

The postal system in the United States is plagued with problems from top to bottom. In the past two weeks the papers have been full of various reports concerning the Post Office from the fact that they may cut back service to a five day week to the fact that they may close some of their smaller local facilities or get out of the mail business altogether.

In keeping with a recent congressional order for all departments to cut back their spending by ten percent, the Post Office announced that some of its smaller third class facilities would be closed and their operations consolidated into nearby larger offices. No new city delivery routes would be opened under this austerity program. Work schedules would be realigned to eliminate Saturday work and deliveries. Most of these steps can be taken and will inconvenience very few people. There are more drastic steps that could be taken that would improve our postal operations considerably and would inconvenience almost no one but would greatly disturb the patronage system that has antiquated our postal system.

The President's Commission On Postal Organization, this past week, recommended that the Post Office be removed from cabinet status and turned over to a board of directors who would operate it on a non-profit basis. This is a step in the right direction, for it would remove it from politics and from the costly and useless patronage system. It would allow the Post Office to be run on a more efficient basis, and rates would be in line with actual costs and not be governed by politics or tradition.

This publication would like to see serious consideration given to selling the entire postal operation, or at least parts of it, to private industry allowing it to become a profitable, publicly-owned tax paying corporation such as the telephone company. In this way it could be completely freed from burdensome patronage. Such a move would permit an overall streamlining of operations through modern technology.

As it stands now, very few people are satisfied with the postal system. The morale of many of the employees is low. Those who are qualified for a job are often passed over in favor of someone who has more political influence. Wages have not kept pace with the rising cost of living.

Users of the mail find service to be slow and are

continually discouraged from doing things that could speed up the mail. As an example, users of meters must send mail on the same day that it is stamped and can only mail in the town where the meter permit was issued. It has been rumored that metered mail will be rejected by the Post Office if it is not pre-sorted, according to zip code, and bundled accordingly. For having to put up with these silly and cost-consuming annoyances the users of meters must buy the im-printing machine, lease the postage meter, service them and pay for postage in advance at the same rates as if they were putting regular postage stamps on their mail. The use of postage meters, by many businesses, saves the Post Office the cost of printing stamps, cancelling the mail plus it gives them money to use in advance of services rendered. Instead of encouraging the use of these cost-saving devices the Post Office discourages their use with its stupid regulations. This is only one small example of the waste and inadequacies of the Post Office. In mass mailing to first class post offices all mail must be addressed. This takes untold hours in sorting according to routes and order of delivery. Millions of dollars are wasted each day when much of the mail could be delivered without addresses at a fraction of the current cost. No one has been able to give us a logical explanation of why this one simple efficiency has not been utilized.

A private corporation, responsible to its shareholders, would eliminate many of these costly inequities, cut postal operating costs and improve service at the same time. We believe that a profit-making corporation could give the American people better service, pay better wages to its employees and still operate at less cost than the Post Office does at present.

We believe that many of our political leaders feel the same way. They do need encouragement from YOU, the users of the Post Office. Let them know your feelings on these matters. They will act accordingly. And Why Not?

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Support Your Firemen

At this time of year, many of our local fire departments hold their annual fund-raising drives. Some hold carnivals, bazaars and open houses; others put on barbecues and door-to-door solicitations. No matter which way your department goes about raising its funds, we urge each and every reader of this publication to support their efforts.

We have some of the best fire departments in the nation. They are 100% volunteer. These men are on call 24 hours a day to protect all our homes and businesses. They are not only there when we need them, but they are trained. They spend many hours preparing themselves for emergencies. Once they learn this information they spend countless hours in practicing these techniques at fire drills. Sometimes they are called upon to perform public services, apart from actual firefighting, such as a recent case in which members of a number of south shore departments canvassed every home over a wide area (TWICE) looking for a reported child trapped in a refrigerator. This unselfish and dedicated donation of their time is often time that they might prefer to spend on their boats, with their wives and families or in one of the many other more profitable pursuits.

Once a year they ask their communities to donate to the departments. These funds are used for various welfare activities and for worthwhile extra-curricular



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Don't Miss Out

The date of the Rotary barbecue is August 3rd. Have you gotten your tickets yet? Will you miss out on the succulent spare ribs? The delicious barbecued chicken, with that wonderful sauce? The trimmings? Will your children miss going on all those free carnival rides? Will you miss helping the Riverhead Rotary Club help out with its many community projects, because you failed to get your tickets.

Don't miss the fun, don't miss the action, don't miss helping this great cause...get your tickets now. Only \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Tickets available from any Riverhead Rotarian or at the Suffolk Life Office 143 Griffing Ave, yes mail orders are accepted, see you there. And Why Not?



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Taxpayers Unite !

This past week everyone's take-home pay was reduced by an additional 10% income tax surcharge. This new tax, demanded by President Johnson, is being used to finance the "Great Society" programs and the war in Viet Nam. This is only the first step in what is sure to be a year of taxes.

We recently conferred with a high state official, and he said that there is no way possible to avoid new and frightening taxes in the coming year. The state income tax will probably have to be raised, and this will be coupled with a possible increase in the sales tax of as much as 5%. No wonder Rocky is running like the devil to get out of New York State.

County Executive Dennison, this past week, used the word "staggering" in summing up what the new county budget looks like for 1969. When Mr. Dennison says "staggering" you had better believe it is staggering. Big ideas and big numbers have never seemed to move this man in the past. If the budget is staggering you can count on a phenomenal increase in your real estate taxes.

In many of our local communities school officials are readying plans for mammoth new school complexes. Where just a few years ago they talked in terms of hundreds of thousands of dollars, now these same men, or their replacements, are talking in terms of from five to fifteen millions of dollars.

This is just to give you an idea of what our leaders have in mind for us. We are sure that before the year is out we are going to be confronted with many other new ideas for taking what little is left from those of us who are working.

What defense does the taxpayer have? How can he make his wishes felt? There are the traditional ways of contacting your public officials directly by writing or telephoning them. This is not enough. What is needed is an organized front with power, muscle and strength that the politicians will listen to. A union of taxpayers comprised of every individual who is paying taxes, dedicated to the beliefs that the cost of government must be kept in line with the ability of the people to pay and that every dollar that the government takes from the people must be justified and a profit for the people shown. Frills and unneeded services must be stripped from government. Featherbedding, that has pushed the cost of government so high, on all levels, must be cut.

The cost of government must be brought back within reason. The taxpaying public cannot stand the gaff of increased taxes any longer. A sane approach must be taken now. Taxpayers are going to get this only by uniting and by organizing into a force that can be felt. **TAXPAYERS UNITE NOW!** And Why Not?

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