

# Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

## A Great Reason To Celebrate

FREE, We're free, we're the free people in this world. Free to do as we like, free to not do what we don't like. We are free to say and write what we feel. We are free to demonstrate and criticize those who we feel are demonstrating for things we don't agree with. We are free to be educated where we like or free to not pursue an education. We are free to live where we want and free to move if we wish. We are free to practice any religion or not to practice any religion. We are free to do just about anything.

The United States is a great country and just about the only country in the world where man's mind and spirit is free. July 4th is our country's birthday; let's celebrate it with pride and dignity. Let us pledge to protect our freedom from those both within and without who are hell bent on tearing our country down. And why not?

## Ban Detergents

Those washday marvels that we are brainwashed into buying on radio and television are one of the major sources of water pollution in the country. They are particularly devastating here on Long Island where we have a high density of homes and a rather shallow and limited water supply. Detergents are synthetics and do not break down naturally when exposed to the elements as soap does. They remain in the water and soil and reappear again in fresh water.

Frank Mooney of the Main Street Press of Patchogue has for years editorialized on the harms of detergents and the causes of water pollution. At last the Water Authority has heeded his advice and has asked for a ban on detergents in Suffolk County. It is recognized that it will be nearly a quarter of a century before the County has a county wide sewer system in effect and, by that time, it may be too late to save our fresh water supply. They have proposed a local law banning the sale of detergents in Suffolk County.

From all that we have read, this is a sensible move and may well be a major step in protecting our water supply for generations to come. We offer our support and encourage all residents to back this move. And Why Not?

## Litter Law Is Trash

One of the worst laws to come along, since the Riverhead Town Board tried to ban the building of tree houses, is now coming up for a public hearing. The law would give an arresting officer the right to presume that if you were using the same brand as had been littered you were the one that did the littering; Just as though every person had his or her own personal brand of beer or soda or newspaper or cigarette pack. The proposed ordinance carries a penalty of \$100 or ten days in jail for persons found guilty under such a proposed circumstance.

If the Town was serious about stopping litter they would pass a very simple ordinance that anyone seen disposing litter in other than the prescribed manner

would be given a summons and fined a simple dollar bill. Just by standing on Main Street or any of the beaches you could hand out hundreds of summons in a single day.

In our opinion this law smacks of a town attempt to put a crimp in people who use the beaches for fishing and who utilize beach buggies to get to their destinations. There is a strong and vocal group of people who own beach front property who resent fishermen from pursuing their leisure. A number of laws have been passed to harass these people. We think it is unfair and the Town should turn it's efforts to more constructive needs than trying to pacify these few people who find it offensive to have some body fishing in front of their home below the high tide level. You will find in general, the fisherman is both responsible and courteous. Special interest laws have no place on the books. And why not?

## Which Is Worse?

For six weeks the residents of Shirley fought day and night in an attempt to protect homes and property from a massive invasion of gypsy moth caterpillars. They watched helplessly as the insects spread brown excrement on what they took pride in and ate what guarded them from the sun.

On Tuesday, June 23, a large group of Shirley housewives presented themselves and a truckload of caterpillars to the Suffolk County Legislature and pleaded for help.

That a group of women were forced to take such extreme measures strongly suggests that there is something seriously wrong with our public representation in Brookhaven Town.

In our eyes, District Three Legislator Louis A. Fuoco is a grass roots example of the kind of man that causes a good system to break down.

As Shirley's representative on the County Legislature, why wasn't it possible for Mr. Fuoco to convince his fellow legislators that an emergency

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beautiful animal and its a lot better than sitting home all the time watching the same old reruns that M. B. Kipp of Quogue must really enjoy seeing over and over. Now how about the jobs that would be given out especially with our unemployment rising in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. I have spoken and written to people who have never been to a racetrack and they agree it would certainly be nice to do something different and it would help improve the times. No one is forced to gamble, as that is your main thought, but you don't dare write that. Instead you refer to undesirables. Lets not kid ourselves. We already have McArthur Airport. Whats wrong with additional police. The taxes the County would derive from a racetrack would certainly substantiate our local taxes. Remember it would give people relaxation and employment. It is the King of Sports!

Regards  
Capt. Ed. Hegner

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I want to thank you for stating your stand against the liberalized abortion bill that was passed. The letter to you signed, "A Mother", just made me write to you, I hope the signer of the letter, "Denise Lynch" reads this if you print it.

There is another way out for those who want planned families and "no unwanted children". A way in which no wife has to risk taking the controversy pill; Why must it be the responsibility of the female to keep from becoming pregnant? The male carries the sperm that fathers the child and there is a simple operation that can be performed in the doctors office. It sterilizes the male, without affecting sexual prowess and in no way reduces his virility and can be changed back again when or if he wishes to have children. Doctors agree this vasectomy is a safe and sane operation.

That liberalized abortion is so morally wrong its another word for murder. Pollution and ecology certainly can be taken care of in these scientific days with the cooperation of people. They pay subsidy to farmers to plow under food and not over produce. What of the polution of mans morals and the consequence of that?

I also want to thank you speaking out on all wrong things politically and otherwise, making people aware of what is going on in the county to awake and shake them up to action.

Gratefully yours  
Another Mother

Editor  
Suffolk Life

Your why nots are always interesting and I make it a point to always read them. I have been reading them for quite some time and must admit have been in agreement with every one. You either are very convincing in your writings or are always on the right side. Keep them up they are terrific.

Please withhold name.

A Pleased Reader

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As you may know, we had a beach at Orient that was scheduled for County acquisition. This plan was discontinued by the old County Board.

Subsequently this beach was heralded as a gift to the people of Southold Town. Now it is in the process of becoming a Park District property for the use of Orient and East Marion only.

There are several thousand people just several miles away who might like to occasionally use this beach. Unlike Shinnecock, I think we would have been better off with the County and its fees.

It would seem that we cannot reciprocate within one town let alone five.

Sincerely,  
William Wetmore

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existed in that community seven weeks ago? Why was it necessary for his constituents to do the convincing?

The residents of Shirley should think twice about "Buddy's" (That's Mr. Fuoco's nickname) generosity in lending them a Fuoco Lines bus for their journey to County Center in Riverhead.

Hopefully, there will be an end someday soon to politicians who frequently give us things we don't need in order to cover up for seldom giving us what we do need.

Tim Stalker  
News Editor

## Poetry Place

LEOA. REILLY  
RIVERHEAD

Poor skinny little tree

so cold and bare

Just who put you there?

No rain or sun

To brighten your day

I'm so glad you came my way.

Let me clothe you

In colors bright

That you may be snug

and warm at night

and with the dawn,

your radiant hue

will prove I am a friend to you

Flaunt your beauty to the world

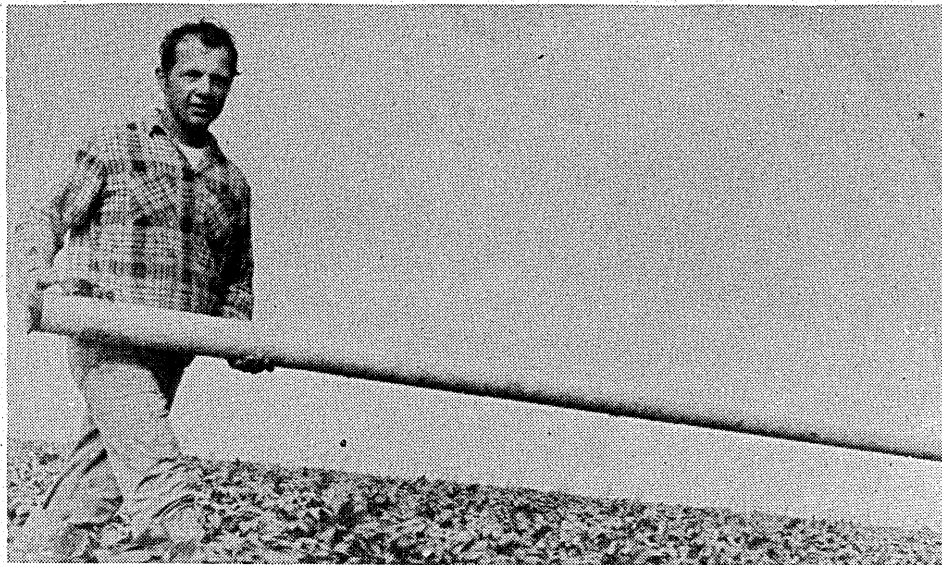
and show them you're not really

spoiled

But bring joy to the heart

of those who see

The gift that God has given me.



There's more than meets the eye to a potato farmer's job when the ground runs out of water. John Cichanowicz of Northville Turnpike in Riverhead latches onto one end of it.

## Garsten Announces Full Partner

Riverhead — Garsten Motors at 1175 West Main Street has a new image these days. He's Austin J. "Cookie" Lopez.

Mr. Lopez, a 35-year-old, native Long Islander who did his growing up in the Port Jefferson area, has been appointed partner, vice-president and sales manager of Plymouth, Valiant, Imperial and Chrysler agency.

In announcing the aquisition of Mr. Lopez, Irwin Garsten, founder and president of the firm, said, "The addition of "Cookie" Lopez will enable us to give even better service to our customers."

Garsten Motor's new talent is a graduate of several General Motors and Chrysler sales, service and management schools. He brings a fine reputation to Riverhead.

"Cookie" and his wife, Mary Ann, make their home in Mt. Sinai. They have three children.



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## It's All Ways Riverhead This Weekend

This weekend promises to be one of the biggest in Riverhead history. Thursday, the downtown shopping area will be the scene of the grand opening of Swezey's Department Store. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 9:30 am. Swezey's is the first department store to open in the Eastern Long Island region in a number of years. Excitement and anticipation have been building for over a year toward their opening. From a sneak preview we were privileged to attend, the grand opening was well worth waiting for. This glamorous, new, modern shopping mecca will greatly aid the downtown retail area in its strong comeback as "the" retail shopping area of the eastend. The town has just completed its multi-million dollar parking districts which will ensure ample free parking to shoppers within convenient reach of every store. The shore front along Peconic River has been renovated and now shoppers can come in by boat and find more than enough slips to tie up at. The slips stretch for over a half mile and the parking fields which border them are well lit for the convenience of nighttime shoppers.

On Friday the Chamber of Commerce will again host a regional art show. Last year's exhibit saw well over 100 top artists represented, and the entire length of Main Street was decked out with paintings, sculpture and crafts. By the number of entries already in it looks like this year's show will far exceed last year's number of participants. The show will run from Friday til Sunday. Last year's show had a carnival atmosphere to it that made it so enjoyable. Not only was the art good but the crowds were happy and gay. Some particularly fine works of art were evident at last year's show and this year even more impressive potential masterpieces are expected.

To add to an already fun-filled weekend, the First Congregational Church will have what may well be the largest yard sale in Long Island history. The entire front lawn of the church will be filled with gems and junk collected from homes all over the area. Almost everyone is sure to find items of interest at bargain prices.

This promises to be an exciting and fulfilling weekend on the Main Street of Riverhead with a little bit of everything for everybody. Come on into town and enjoy the festivities. See you there! And why not?

## Sorry We're Not Hiring

Thousands of young people are roaming the streets of New York this summer looking for work. Businesses that have traditionally hired students have changed their plans this year. They are desperately trying to hold their overhead at present levels. Many organizations had intended to go ahead with traditional plans to hire students, but when Governor Rockefeller passed the bill that increased the minimum wage in New York State, these organizations were forced to alter their plans. The result is a glut of eager young people on the job market and thousands of businesses that cannot afford the inflated wage prices.

The crying shame of all this is that there was no hue and cry for an increase in the minimum wage except by the labor leaders in New York. In his desperate move to buy votes in this year's gubernatorial election Mr. Rockefeller has sold all the young people, who find themselves out of work, down the drain.

He has made the labor leaders happy with a new minimum wage which is approximately 20 percent higher than any other state in the union and has thus won their support. He has given them further ammunition to press for labor settlements which will have a disastrous effect on inflation. The effect of this increase and the resulting unemployment among the young and marginal worker may well be boredom as they find themselves on the streets instead of at work. It will be a miracle if that boredom does not deteriorate into frustration and anger as we get into the long hot summer.

The kind of governor we have running our state is one who will sell out the young, the retired and all those who are struggling to make ends meet. He has done this in order to buy the support of labor in his reelection attempt. You, the voters, will be able to give this kind of leadership a stinging rebuke in the voting booth this coming November. We hope you don't forget to act accordingly. And why not?

## Air Base Opens

The Suffolk County Air Base was officially opened this past week. Great! Now let's make it productive. Let's convince industry that a move to this area could be the smartest move it will ever make. We've got a lot going for us here and any company that has the vision to provide its people with one heck of a good place to live will be able to see that the area offers unlimited potential.

Let's get moving and develop this area pronto. And why not?

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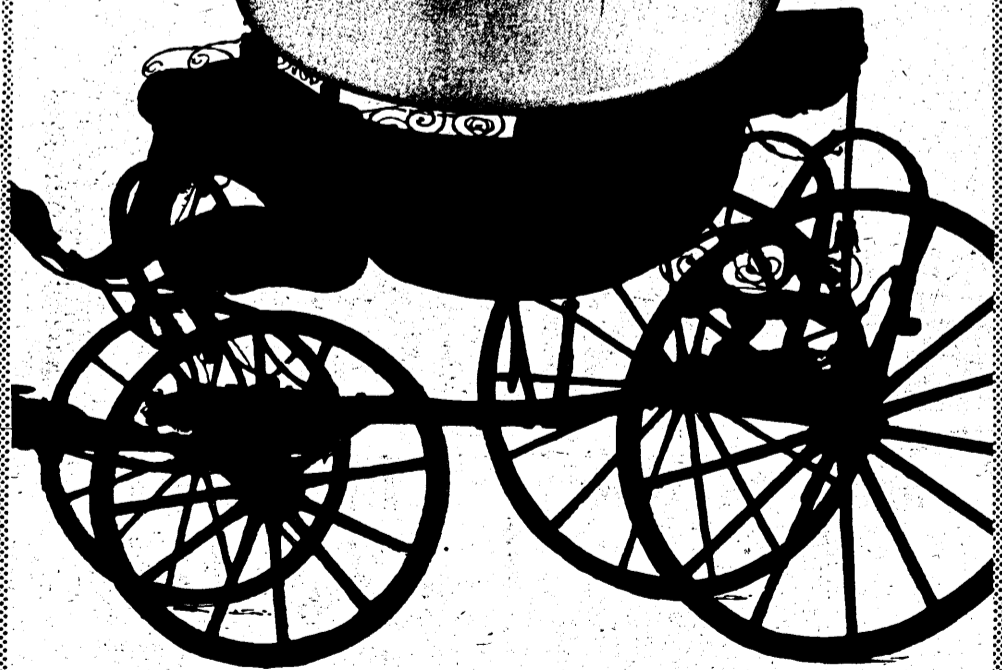
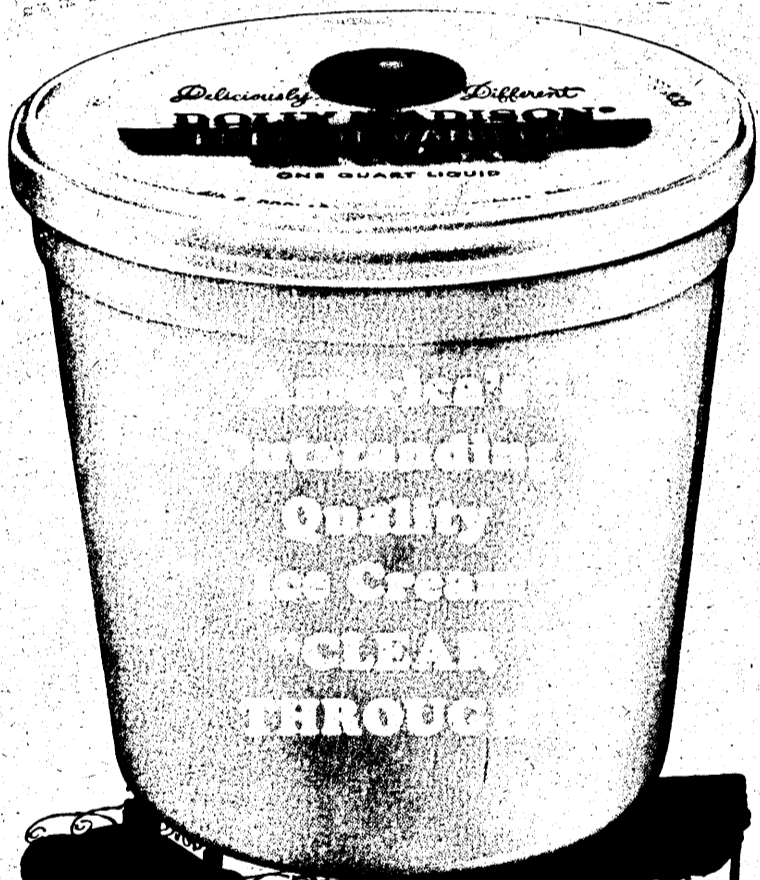
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A Beautiful,  
Clean  
Wonderful  
Show

Guy Lombardo used these words to describe his latest Jones Beach spectacular on opening night last week. He was modest. The show is fantastic. It is tremendous to sit there in that breathtaking theater and listen to those wonderful lyrics that made Sound of Music a classic on stage and screen.

The setting, colorful scenery and gay costumes all contribute to a phenomenal show. The lead, Maria, played by Constance Towers is superb. She has a voice that gets down deep inside you and her vivaciousness and enthusiasm make you feel that you are right there along side her in the story. The children are loveable, full of things that make you love children, and their voices are just perfect for their parts.

We've seen many plays at this theater and can say that they have all been good, but this one is the best by far. Guy Lombardo has succeeded in making a great play magnificent. We recommend it for the whole family. Go see it this year. And why not?

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## Wasted Vote?

There has always been considerable controversy regarding the so-called "wasted vote," i.e. the votes cast for an individual who does not have a chance to win the election. Politicians abhor people who vote according to principles instead of for people who are supposed to win; they really believe that these votes are wasted votes. Politicians and party bosses are motivated by the premise that most people will not vote according to their convictions but for the candidate who looks like a winner because of an attractive personality. This is the prime reason we are stuck with such a poor quality of political leadership. Men who believe and act in ways alien to the wishes of the voters are elected and reelected time and again. They then use their victory at the polls as a mandate from the people to go forth and encourage policies that the people don't want.

In this year's gubernatorial race in New York the two major parties have given us two very like candidates. Both are ultra-liberal. Both are men so far removed from the realities of daily living that it is virtually impossible for them to comprehend what is going on or how we feel. The Republicans offer us Rockefeller, the man who has made an utter mess out of New York State. Rockefeller socialized the Long Island Railroad, took it from bad to worse, and then used the big lie to try and con us into believing that it was the best in the country. Rockefeller has made a monster out of our school system. Consider the number of businesses that are deserting New York State. Consider the problems facing the public when dealing with public agencies. Look at the phenomenal state debt and the taxes we are forced to pay to support the blundering politicians. Consider the time Rockefeller wasted running for the Republican presidential nomination and the effect it had upon the state. During the next four months we will be fed a continuing diet of misinformation, half-truth and distortion to make us believe that Rockefeller has done a great deal for New York State. When we hear and read all of this political talk let us ask ourselves if we are really any better off for having had this man as Governor. Has he really done anything constructive for the average person?

Then we have Mr. Goldberg. New York is a melting pot. It used to beckon people from all over the world. Now it beckons politicians from all over the country. First we had Kennedy who suddenly turned up as a resident of New York when the whole world thought he was a resident of Massachusetts. Now we have Goldberg who, until recently, has voted in Chicago. All of a sudden he is an expert on the problems of New York State? If the people of New York believe that, then they deserve him. Goldberg has the unique and outstanding distinction of quitting every job that ever presented a challenge to him. We doubt very much whether he really gives much of a hoot for New Yorkers or whether he ever heard of Speonk or Sagaponack. The bosses, as his opponents have charged, sold him to the Democrats, and now they are stuck with him.

What alternative do we have? We have Dean Paul Adams, the Conservative candidate, a virtual unknown from upstate. You will probably hear very little about him. His views will not be revolutionary; he won't

promise things he can't deliver. He will ask that each and everyone of us act as responsible citizens. He isn't looking to be President so he won't be delivering pronouncements on world affairs that are nothing more than headline grabbers. The press won't give him much space. He is just an honest guy with an awful lot of ability and determination to see that New York is run right. A vote for him would be wasted - or would it? We'll be commenting more on this in future editorials. And why not?

## A Chance to Give

LOVE ... PEACE, we hear these words frequently these days. We see banners, buttons and bumper stickers proclaiming these slogans, but they seem to leave us with an empty feeling. Such slogans leave us with an emptiness until we come face to face with a reality that tells us there is a desperate need for such feelings. Such a time is NOW and the place is Camp Paquatuck in East Moriches. Until recently we must admit we thought that this was just another camp for the underprivileged. Camp Paquatuck is so much more than that. It is a health camp for kids who have physical deformities. It is also a place where love and peace abound. Here you will see a bunch of kids with real crippling deformities, who will always have to live with these physical abnormalities, and they are smiling and cheerful and finding real enjoyment and meaning in life.

Many of these wonderful youngsters are being brought out of their shells for the first time. They are made to do for themselves, and, in the learning process, are finding an awareness of their humanity in the love that is so freely given and taken. This doing and sharing does more than all the therapy in the world to make them whole persons.

We wish that all of our readers could visit this fine camp. It is like a retreat from the harsh world we live

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classmates. She feels it all helps her now to understand her children's world and their problems. Rachele, 21, has been studying at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts. This summer she's living and studying in an artists village school abroad.

Roberta, 18, was one of the fortunate highschoolers to accompany Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, their eminent Latin teacher and scholar, on the unprecedented classical studies tour to Italy last summer. Roberta has a scholarship which will take her to college in the Fall at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Jeffrey, 14, is impressed by his mother's achievement and very proud of her and his sisters, too, but his interests are mechanical. His hobby has been building and working with model planes and rockets. Right now, he's concentrating on water sports and sailing.

### Next Step: Teaching

Mrs. Nooger has done substitute teaching of Spanish and French in the Westhampton Beach High School as well as Center Moriches High School for the past eight years. Now, with her diploma framed and hanging, she's ready for a full-time teaching berth in her favorite subject. Spanish, of course! Another strong interest of hers is the Youth Group (15 to 18-year-olds) of the Jewish Center of the Moriches. She helps them plan and carry out their dances and other high jinks. A petite, curly-haired brunette, Zelda Nooger has as much vivacity as anyone in her Youth Group -- at home or in the community!

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in. If you could see these warm and friendly outstretched arms, these gleaming faces and all of the joy and happiness that these kids find in life at this wonderful camp, we believe that you would feel as committed as we do.

The camp was the brain child, many years ago, of Harold Chapman and H. C. Swezey. Both of these men were members of the Moriches Rotary Club. Rotary Clubs are committed throughout the world to helping others - their motto is "Service Above Self." Camp Paquatuck exemplifies this. Situated on 32 acres it invites three groups of 70 handicapped children to the camp each summer. The camp has the facilities to handle twice that amount but is plagued with the age-old problem of funds. The camp is operated on a very limited budget and is very dependent upon the thoughtfulness of many who donate labor for making repairs and improvements and through the willingness of the counselors who work for very modest salaries in order to help others. It still takes a lot of cold, hard cash to operate this fantastic establishment, and, because of this, the camp is only operated at half its potential.

We wholeheartedly ask our readers to join us in supporting Camp Paquatuck. Surely all of our readers can find some loose change or a few dollars to donate to this fine cause. Donations don't have to be large just as long as there are a lot of them. A smile from one of these adorable kids will be worth much more than any materialistic pleasure we could get from spending those few dollars. Please do what you can. And why not?

## Poetry Place

### Peace Talks

A group of men sit around a table  
Some of them talk, the few that are able  
No! No!, Yes! Yes!, Maybe! We'll see!  
These words bloom forth  
Like leaves on a tree

They have but one success to call their own  
The shape of the table they sit at and droan  
I think I'm right! No, I am! No, me!  
They change their minds like colors of leaves on a tree

In a land faraway, called Vietnam by name  
The boys of our land must play a real war game  
Their minds wonder often, "Is this the peace key?"  
and their young lives fall like leaves from a tree

Linda Hudson,  
Jamesport



## Summer Cloudburst

BY Wilson Douglas

Not the slightest whisper of air stirs in the open pasture land.

The clouds are light piles of cotton candy and where the blue sky is visible, it wears a hazy, languid countenance.

The angry red sun presses down with sultry, will-destroying, dank heat. Even the leaves of a giant sugar maple droop under it and are motionless.

In but a few moments, the whole sky is shrouded in ominous black billows.

Then, all hell from the heavens breaks loose!

A ghastly, saber-toothed gash rips open the sky and strikes down upon the pasture. Again and again, this electrical serpent strikes. At almost the same instant, come the sharp blasts and long-rolling, deep-throated rumbles of avenging thunder. A sudden inrush of cool, water-filled air bends down the tall grasses. And the petulance of the storm seems to descend upon the entire firmament with awesome reverberations. Only the livid glare of lightning gives us seconds-long glimpses of our surroundings.

Then, just as suddenly, the wrath is over. The sky is all blue-eyed innocence. Pretty rain pools lie in the grass and dozens of joyous rainbows shimmer above.

What drama can you think of to equal a summer storm?

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## Regional Master Plan

The Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board released its long-awaited master plan for the development of Long Island. It is lengthy and comprehensive and will require a great deal of study before it can be totally comprehended by anyone. On the surface it seems reasonable and workable except for some of the proposals concerning the east end. The plan calls for the east end to remain basically rural with its primary purposes being agricultural and recreational. The implication is that the east end will become a bedroom community for the west end of Long Island and western Suffolk where the industrial expansion is planned.

The plan recommends that many more parks and recreation areas be created. The creation of these parks, under the present system, will mean that more land be taken from the tax rolls. The remaining properties will then have to assume additional tax burdens and tax increases. If we are to be a bedroom community for west end industry we will be taking on the burden of providing all of the essential services that require heavy taxation, i.e. schools, roads, welfare, recreation, medical assistance, etc. We will have to provide these services because we will have the people but will lack the industrial tax base to offset the cost of these services. It is obvious that farm land and resort business can only afford to pay so much. Retail centers can only pay so much. Home owners are already overburdened with taxes. As we look at this master plan it appears that the east end will be asked to curtail the development of its full potential.

The plan will require much more study before we can comment on it in depth. And why not?

## Taxes Doubled

In the coming months, when you hear the claims of the Rockefeller supporters about how good things are under his administration, remind yourself of the following fact. Controller Arthur Leavitt just released figures indicating that in the first ten years of Rockefeller's regime property taxes and assessments have more than doubled. Remind yourself that prior to Rockefeller we did not have a sales tax, that most people did not have to pay a state income tax, that corporate taxes were substantially lower, that you now have a mortgage tax which is going to pay for his railroad and hundreds of other hidden taxes that make it very difficult for all of us to make ends meet.

When you are told what Rockefeller has done for you remember that you have paid dearly for services that, in most cases, you didn't need, didn't want, didn't ask for and, to this day, probably don't use.

Look at the other guys in the gubernatorial race. Where will the ultra-liberal Arthur Goldberg get the money to pay for his promises? What will Dean Paul Adams do to finance his promises? Or isn't he making any outrageous promises. But then again, why waste your vote on a man who doesn't sound like he's playing Santa Claus with your pocket book? Adams? And why not?

## Rotary Barbecue August First

The Riverhead Rotary Club will again host what is known as the biggest family barbecue on Long Island at the Calverton Grumman picnic grounds. This year's colossal affair will be held on Saturday, August 1st.

The Rotarians serve up tempting spareribs and heaping portions of chicken all done up to the queen's taste. The trimmings are a meal in themselves. There is music for young and old. This year there will be a strolling rock band for the young set and a fine senior citizens band playing all the old-time hits that will evoke memories of country fairs and band concerts in the park. Speaking of a perfect fair atmosphere, the picnic grove is all shaded by trees. To round out this perfect facility are all kinds of carnival rides which are available to the kiddies free of charge. There is a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, caterpillar, whip, boat rides, train rides and much, much more. The price of the kids admission includes all the rides and they can go on as many rides as often as they wish.

You can save on the advance sale of tickets. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for a child but if you buy in advance the price is \$3.00 and \$1.50. You may buy advance sale tickets from any Riverhead Rotarian or by sending a check directly to this office. Suffolk Life has agreed to sell tickets for this worthwhile affair.

All proceeds are used to support the many worthwhile community activities of the Rotary Club. The club sponsors exchange students from foreign countries and is very active in student loans, scholarships, hospital work, recreation, welfare and many other community betterment projects. We encourage all residents of the east end to mark this day on your calendar. It's one of the best affairs we have ever seen for the whole family. Don't forget that tickets purchased in advance will save you money over purchasing them at the gate. See you there. And why not?



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# Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

## Thank God For The Volunteers

Friday evening before last, about ten pm, we were sitting at home reading when we heard a deafening explosion. The windows rattled, the shades fluttered, and our first reaction was that a plane had gone through the sound barrier or crashed. Stepping to the window to fix the shade we saw an awesome orange glow in the sky. As did many other thousands of people, we went to investigate. From the direction of the glow and the smell we knew it had to be a gas fire, and assumed it was the Pyrofax Gas Company. From as far away as a quarter of a mile the heat was intense. We didn't go any closer since we don't relish finding the pearly gates any sooner than necessary. We proceeded to the fire department for more accurate information, and it was here that the real drama unfolded. The Second Street Fire House was being manned by the Mattituck, Jamesport and Westhampton Beach Fire Departments. These men were standing by in case of need at this fire or in the event another fire broke out in Riverhead.

The radios in the firetrucks kept blaring the seriousness of the situation which resulted when a L. I. R. R. tank car filled with propane gas overturned near Pyrofax. The tank contained over 30,000 gallons of this highly explosive gas and it could not be determined whether the tank was one large tank or a series of tanks separated by baffles. The firemen could not extinguish the blaze for fear of spreading the gas over a wider area which would create an even greater hazard. The plan of action was to keep the tank cool in the event a series of tanks was involved. There was a lack of water, one fireman had already been hospitalized together with two railroad men. Three other men were missing but were later found unharmed.

In all of this excitement, anxiety and drama, the fire chief, his officers and men, as well as the other assisting departments, had everything under control. Even though they had never fought a gas fire of this magnitude they knew how to handle it. They repeatedly risked their lives by getting within a few yards of that searing inferno in order to keep the tank as cool as possible. They remained at their posts even as the water ran low.

We think the entire town of Riverhead owes these individuals a huge vote of thanks. They are to be commended not only for their courage in fighting this fire but for the thousands of hours they have put into training to be able to cope with such a situation. Additionally, Riverhead owes a vote of thanks to the other departments that stood by on mutual aid.

We are extremely fortunate to have such capable and dedicated firemen here in Suffolk County. They are all volunteers and come from every walk of life. They devote many hours not only to fighting fires but to drills and schools where they sharpen their firefighting skills. They do this on their own time. They receive no compensation, tax concessions or expenses for their efforts. They put their time and lives on the line for you and me because they care about their communities.

One of the best ways we can show our gratitude to our firemen is by supporting their fund raising affairs that they hold during the Summer. Some departments have carnivals or bazaars; others hold open house for

the community. In years gone by, the Summer Block Party was a favorite way of raising money, but, due to the police crackdown on games of chance, the fire departments have had to resort to asking for outright donations. The funds collected are used for many worthwhile community projects. This year when you get a letter in the mail or when someone knocks on your door be generous. It is a small price to pay for the excellent service and dedication our firemen give us. And why not?

## Caution Is The Word

Suffolk County is preparing its budget for 1971. Dennison has asked for austerity. The department heads have thrown caution to the winds and submitted proposals and budget requests amounting to almost 20 percent over last year.

Mr. Dennison might have asked for austerity for 1971 because he is up for reelection and no politician, including Super Lee, likes to run in the same year he has caused a tax increase. There is even greater need, however, for austerity in the coming year. From the looks of corporate profits, which are virtually nonexistent at this point, the Federal and state governments are going to be broke in the coming year. It is estimated that government gets 70 percent of its income from corporate profits. Eliminate or severely curtail profits and you will have government hurting for funds to operate on. Government will have to stop playing Santa Claus to lesser branches of government. Suffolk County will receive much less in shared aid and grants from the Federal and state government. It will then have to cut out and cut back on many of its present projects just to avoid bankruptcy. Only the absolutely essential services will survive and they will have to be funded with local property and sales taxes.

The populace is in no mood for further tax increases. If they are attempted we daresay you will have the biggest tax rebellion in history. Not only will present

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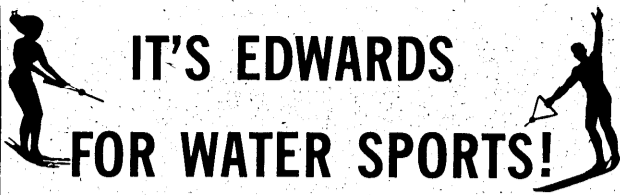
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editorial Note)

The children of Camp Paquatuck have a friend, just the kind of friend they need. The week following our editorial titled, "A Chance To Give," we received the following note with a three dollar check attached.

"Mr. David Willmott."

"Please accept my widow's mite for those poor children. Wish I could send more.

"God bless you."

The note was signed by Mrs. Gladys Hayden. We value greatly Mrs. Hayden's contribution. The children of Camp Paquatuck should have more friends like her.

If you want to donate some dollars, the way to do it is by check made out to "The Moriches Rotary Health Camp" care of The Rotary Club of The Moriches at Box 661, Center Moriches, New York 11934.

We urge you to do so.

Dear Sirs,

Just last week you published an article stating, "Sand Dunes are Fragile and not for climbing." I thought to myself hurray! for someone else cares about the beautiful cliffs of the North Shore.

Today I picked up your paper and was shocked to see a picture of two lovely children sliding down the cliff.

Why in Heavens Name publicly endorse the erosion of the cliffs in Rocky Point?

Instead lets all educate the people to stay off the cliffs. Each time a person climbs a cliff another foot or more of sand is lost at the top. People's homes are in danger of collapse because of the acute

policies go down the drain but also the parties now in power and so will every other proposal put to the voters. School budgets will suffer the worst and the county situation generally will be chaotic.

We think the department heads of Suffolk County should heed Dennison's advice. They should decide who they can dispense with from top aides on down. They should eliminate and curtail non-essential services. This is not the year for empire building and an even worse year for trying to make yourself a hero. We find ourselves in agreement with Mr. Dennison....for once. And why not?

erosion problem on the North Shore.

So please if you want to see the bluffs of Rocky Point remain as beautiful as they are, ask your readers and their children to stay on the beaches and authorized walkways where they belong.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. N. Albo  
Rocky Point

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Congratulations on your stand: "Sand dunes are fragile and valuable." The beautiful cliffs on the North Shore Beach, once covered with wild plums, are now sandy dunes that are fast disappearing for both young and old climb up, dig huge holes to bury themselves in while others derive pleasure from rolling down to the beach carrying tons of sand with them, heedless of the destruction they are causing.

No amount of complaining does any good. I wish you would comment more fully on the subject as this destruction is thoughtless vandalism.

Esther Barkley  
Rocky Point

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Again I ask your indulgence. If possible, would you please print the attached copy of our letter to County Executive H. Lee Dennison with regard to a proposed plan by the County to widen Yaphank Road to four lanes and use the Carmans River bed for drainage.

Other letters, similar in nature, have been sent to Commissioner Kammerer and Chairman of the County Legislature, Mr. Klein.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Martha J. Wenner  
(Mrs. Frank Wenner)

P.S. Other citizens might be interested in our efforts to keep our land and protect our homes.

### Open Letter to County Executive Dennison

Dear Sir:

As propertyowners on County Road 21, Yaphank-Middle Island Road, we wish to register our opposition to the proposed taking of land along this road and along the bed of the Carmans (Connecticut) River. We would be losing half of our acreage in this taking. This means a great deal to us as we have twelve children and this was to be their inheritance. No remuneration at this time would be comparable to its future value.

The widening would be detrimental to this area; traffic would increase and speed up as to be hazardous to the residents and their children. A policeman would be needed to cross safely. Even now we have to race the cars and trucks to get across. We think it should be made a "residential street" with heavy trucking curtailed and speed limits strictly enforced.

The old road is lovely. From the County Park in Prosser Pines to the Upper and Lower Yaphank Lakes, it is a refreshing change from the artificial manicured look of the parkways. The homes, for the most part, are unobtrusive in their countrified settings, and the loss of frontage would mean the loss of many very old and beautiful trees as well as large portions of their front yards. Traffic zipping

by your front door certainly doesn't enhance property values. Nor does it allow sound sleep at night!! Must everything be changed in the name of "progress"? We want it to remain in its present rustic state, as asset to our County and a restful few miles in our over-modernized society.

As to the plans for the Carmans River, it would seem that the trees and undergrowth destroyed in order to dig a large sump (as on our property) are better suited to good drainage by their nature. My fifteen year-old son, an avid conservationist, has noted that there is never a problem with flooding in our part of the river although the overall water level rises in the vicinity when there is a heavy rain. The large equipment necessary to dig such a sump would unintentionally be very destructive. Many years would pass before such scars would heal. Such diggings, by us and to the north, might also upset the natural springs which feed the river albeit underground. It seems so useless since the water has not been up continuously for about six years.

Please, for the sake of the residents, the County (\$3 million dollars could be used for better purposes, such as the reduction of taxes), and the balance of nature, reconsider this plan. Permit us to keep our lovely road and our property. Thank you.

Sincerely  
Frank J. Wenner  
Martha J. Wenner

Mr. Editor,

I have read the column of your Suffolk Life

I would like to express my feelings of a certain article I read of the party that signed themselves the "Free Alien."

I deeply resent the statement that he made about our country. It is not "rubbish" that our country is a great and free country. We certainly do not brainwash our children. They are just taught to be good and honest citizens. This party comes from England and I am sure he is making his living here, many more like him that live on the fat of the land and then go back to their native land. People like him who don't respect this country should go back to where they came from. I hope you publish this as I love my country and all the true Americans that live in it and it hurts to have people downgrade it. True American and Senior citizen.

Dear Mr. Willmott,

I am writing you to express my deep satisfaction with your very important and honest editorial of July 15, 1970. I am so sick and tired of reading the stereotype editorials that we Easterners find in most of our daily papers. It is too bad the opinion of the majority is never listened to or voiced in the writings of the editors of today. You are one of the very, very few editors who has dared to write an HONEST appraisal of the candidates for Governor of New York. I only hope you will duplicate your editorial and give the Senatorial race the same honest reporting.

In conclusion, although this is not necessary but the times almost demands that I include it, I am NOT one of the over 30, Establishment types. I am a 27 year old school teacher who likes to see his opinions aired once in a while.

Joseph Larbone