

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Ruin of Education

It seems like the William Floyd School District in Mastic has to get itself involved in a donnybrook every year. This year it is embroiled in one that should touch the hearts of every school board. The board has chosen to release, at the end of this term, twelve of its staff for reasons it has not disclosed. Most of these teachers if kept will go into tenure which, in everyday language, is a lifetime contract. A school system has three years to make up its mind on the fitness of a teacher within that district. If the teacher's contract is renewed after that time, the teacher, in effect, is hired permanently. It is almost impossible to have the teacher removed from his or her position; it makes no difference if, at a later date, the board or a new board changes its standards and wants better teachers. Once they are in they are in to stay.

In discussions with school principals and members of boards of education throughout eastern Suffolk we have found almost unanimous condemnation of the tenure system. There are few schools that are not stuck with some incompetent teachers. These teachers are locked into their jobs through the tenure arrangement and nothing can be done effectively to remove them. Many of these teachers were mediocre, and in some cases below standards, when they were going through the three-year trial period. They were kept on because of the teacher shortage of a few years back. Now that there are more and better teachers than there are job openings the boards and school principals would like to remove them but can't. The students suffer, the teachers who are most qualified suffer and the taxpayers suffer from having to pay for inferior services.

We have little sympathy for the taxpayers as they are regularly forced to pay for inferior services so a little more doesn't really hurt. We have little sympathy for the good teachers who have to operate under this system because they could do away with the tenure arrangement if they would just speak out as a united group as they do on other issues. We do sympathize with the students who are saddled with teachers who don't care, are lazy or who have not been properly trained in the first place. These students will carry the effect of these misfits in the educational system for life.

When we, as parents, entrust our children to the school system we rarely have the opportunity of knowing whether or not our children are receiving the best education until the damage is done. We must trust the school boards, the administration and the school system as a whole to provide the best teachers they can get.

We are thankful that the majority of teachers are dedicated, competent professionals who do more than is expected of them in the teaching of our kids. It is a shame that their extra efforts are sometimes nullified by the incompetent teachers. By removing the tenure system good teachers would be justly rewarded and not held back by their less competent co-workers. We can see little logic and right in retaining the tenure system. Its removal from our educational system should be made a campaign issue in the upcoming November elections. A bad system works to the disadvantage of all. Let's get rid of it. And why not?

Formula For Inflation Control

Everyone admits that inflation is no good! We are looking for someone to do something about it. The trouble is that any one with any power is not willing to do anything about it. We are specifically talking about the Government. The hold the key and this key can turn off the run-away dollar.

The Government, Federal, State and Local, is responsible either directly or indirectly for over 50 percent of the expenditures within this country. They are the ones who determine how much labor is going to be paid and how much steel is going to sell for. They are the largest employer and consumer of goods in the nation.

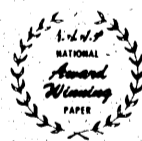
Being in this position, they can to a very real degree, either cause prices to move up or hold them at today's level. They can do this without all out wage and price control.

They simply can say they will not pay any more than "x" amount for a set job whether the employee works for the government or is hired by a supplier for the Government. They can say they will not pay any more than "x" amount for a specific product and if an outsider supplier wants to sell this product to the government then they will have to find a way of keeping the cost in line with the government standards.

This simple theory could bring an end to inflation within this country. With the government being the biggest consumer and refusing to buy, you can be sure that both management and labor would readjust to fit the price range set by the Government.

We are not naive enough to think that this idea is original, yet we cannot help but see how this would not do the job that it would be intended to do. Competition and the capitalistic system would be allowed to operate freely without the restraint of all out wage and price controls that would burden the economy. Such a system would set guidelines that could be profitable to both labor and management. Labor could bargain for the maximum benefits within reason for its people and

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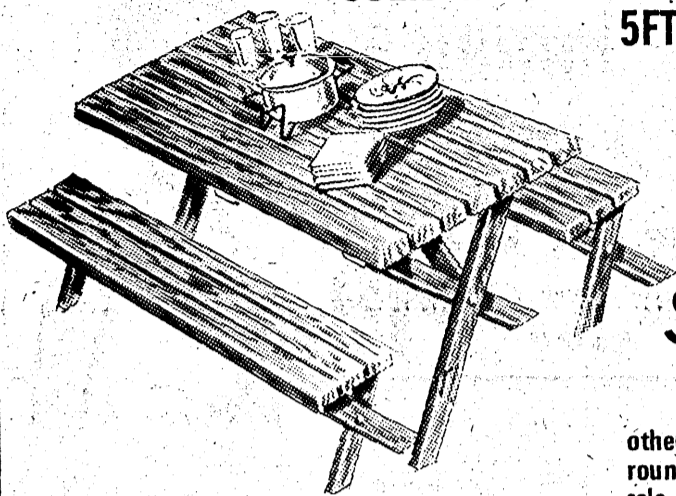
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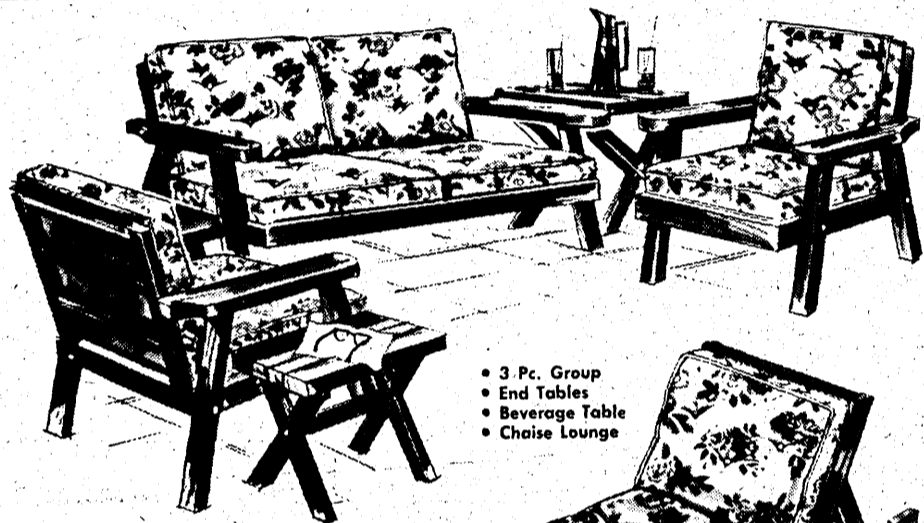
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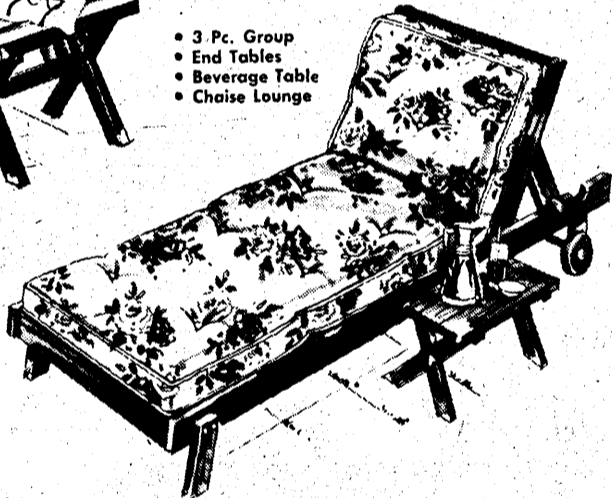


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management could be firm in holding off unreasonable requests which would not allow the company to operate at a fair margin of profit. There is no sense in labor gaining raises if those raises are going to be eaten up by inflation, and there is no sense in management granting raises if it can't show a profit. Federal enforcement of these guidelines, by removal of governmental buying power, could make both labor and management keep their costs in line.

Of course it would take a strong President and Congress to impose such a plan on the country. The question is do the people want to stop inflation actively enough to insist that the government invoke such drastic measures now?

We would be interested in hearing from people

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residents and public officials, of all political and economic persuasions on this matter. Let's hear how you feel about inflation and what you would like to see done about it. And why not?

Duryea To Be Honored

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller heads an impressive list of State, New York City and Long Island dignitaries who will attend the First Assembly District Campaign Ball honoring New York State Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Jr. at Canoe Place Inn in Hampton Bays Saturday night, June 27th. Speaker Duryea represents the First Assembly District in the State Legislature.

In addition to Gov. Rockefeller, Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson, Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz, State Republican Chairman Charles T. Lanigan and Senate Majority Leader Earl W. Brydges are expected to be at the affair which is sponsored by the East Hampton Town Republican Committee and the Town's Men's and Women's Republican Clubs. Mrs. Steven Spatenga and Robert F. Dordelman of East Hampton are co-chairmen of the Ball.

Working committees planning and preparing for the Ball include John H. Bennett, Mattituck; James Berlinger, Montauk; Mrs. Edwin Berkery, Hampton Bays; Mrs. David A. Betts, Southampton; Frederick L. Butts, Jr., Sag Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. James M. Catterson, Jr., Port Jefferson; Mrs. Ernest Clark, East Hampton; Philip Corso, Babylon; Mrs. Edward H. Dawson, East Quogue; Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Ecker, Montauk; Mrs. Emma Graus, Sag Harbor.

Also Mrs. Harold Herbert, Southampton; Mrs. Claude Jones, Sag Harbor; Anthony Lazio, Lindenhurst; Mrs. John P. Martin, Sag Harbor; Mrs. Edward Pospisil, Montauk; Mrs. Edward Reynolds, Remsenberg; Mrs. Edwin C. Schwenk, Southampton; Mrs. Ruth Stoffel, Port Jefferson Station; Mrs. Herbert Ullman, Hampton Bays; Richard White, Montauk; Mrs. Joseph Wowak, Riverhead; and Mrs. Bruno Zaloga, Riverhead.

Polo Season

Bethpage - The 1970 Polo Season at Bethpage State Park opened Sunday, May 31.

The top polo teams in the Northeast are scheduled to compete every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 pm through October 4. Admission to the games is \$1.50 per person with children under 12 admitted free.

The Polo Field at Bethpage State Park is adjacent to the park picnic area which contains tables and fireplaces for outdoor dining and various recreational facilities.

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Prouder To Be An American

This past Memorial Day the Riverhead Police Department unveiled a change in their uniform consisting of a 3x4 American flag worn as a shoulder patch on the right sleeve. Suffolk Life commends both the police and the town board for authorizing this move.

In this day and age when it is the vogue to tear down America, the government and our heritage of greatness it is heartwarming to see a group of men stand up voluntarily and do something that says how proud they are to be a part of this country. We believe that by wearing this patch these men are reiterating their dedication to protect all people under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; that they believe in our system of government and will uphold it to the fullest extent of the law.

There are those of more liberal bent who will find fault with this. They insist that they should be protected under the Constitution but that anyone who harbors opinions different from theirs should be banned from speaking their piece. They feel that anyone who wears the flag or displays it is as archaic as George Washington and our founding fathers.

An editorial in one of the liberal daily newspapers suggested that wearing the American flag is carrying a chip on the shoulder. That is their opinion; they are free to voice it. We look at it differently. We look at it as a symbol that young and old alike can be justly proud of. We look at it as a symbol of the guarantees that allow all of us to speak our piece. We look at it as a symbol of the fifty states united under one form of government, a symbol that has been worth fighting and dying for. It is a symbol that says though we may be divided in some ways we are free to discuss our differences and to change our laws through a system of guaranteed procedures; that if the majority of the people so wish it, then we can change.

We believe that this is a sore spot that rankles the liberals. The majority do not go along with the liberal school of government, and the pendulum is swinging back to a more conservative approach to government. The liberals have failed to persuade the majority to accept their philosophy even though, for a number of years, they have controlled a significant segment of the nation's press and universities. When the average person faces the realities of everyday life and paying for the liberal way they reject it and choose for themselves a more conservative and independent form of pursuit. When the great, so-called "silent" majority take up their country's flag and display it proudly, it is a visual rejection of the liberal school of thought, and the liberals don't like it. They associate the American flag with being un-American or at least un-American to their very limited way of seeing things. It is their opinion, and they are stuck with it. And why not?

Playing With Fire

Brookhaven Town is toying with an idea that can drastically change the concepts of government within that town. They are entertaining the concept of setting up two different town-operated authorities - one dealing with industry, the other with housing.

To most people an authority is just another form of government. Actually, the powers vested in an authority are enormous. A public authority has the power to by-pass the considerations of the people and operate independently of what is good for the majority. Public authorities are set up in such a way that they can neither be directly controlled nor influenced by the public. They can incur indebtedness without the approval of the people. They can spend these monies as they alone see fit. They can overrule local planning and zoning requirements and pursue just about any course of action they want to. The members of the governing boards of these authorities and their executive directors are all appointees and are, in no way, answerable to the people directly. In many cases authorities are not bound to give open accountings for their expenditures nor are they required to prepare budgets and hold open hearings on them.

We believe that we, as citizens, have allowed too much of our control of government to be eroded away already. To permit authorities to be created on the local level, no matter how worthwhile the project may seem, is asking for more trouble than we already have. The residents of Brookhaven Town would be wise to examine the pros and cons of such authorities thoroughly before permitting their creation. We urge all residents to contact their supervisors and their councilmen to discuss these proposals in depth before proceeding with them.

We believe that the governing boards would perform a real service to the town by holding educational programs on these authorities and how they will affect the residents. Then, their creation should be decided by the people through a public referendum. This is too big a step in the changing of the government to allow the decision to be made on the town board level. Let the voters of Brookhaven know all the facts and the implications of setting up such authorities. Then let the voters decide if they wish to set up this type of organization within their town. And why not?



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Suspended Sentences? Why?

Many of our readers will recall a particularly ugly incident which took place last Summer. Late one evening a group of motorcycle toughs, who call themselves the "El Diablos", descended upon one of Westhampton's restaurants and night spots. They proceeded to terrorize the patrons and owners while inflicting both considerable property damage and bodily injury to some of the onlookers. Those who witnessed this sub-human act of bullying brutality, and those who read about it in the newspapers, were incensed that such a vicious attack could be made upon innocent people. It was felt then, by all who knew of the incident, that the "book" should be "thrown" at the individuals who committed the crime.

Last week, Mercator Kendrick, Southampton Town Justice, imposed suspended prison sentences with probation on the five defendants all of whom had pleaded guilty to a variety of charges after their arrests. Two of the defendants paid \$50 fines for disorderly conduct. Suffolk Life's reaction to this example of "justice" can be summed up in one simple word. WHY? And why not?

Assault Has Started

This column has often said that the East End would be raped once Suffolk County was reapportioned and the West End took control. The assault has started. For twelve years the Town of Southampton has leased and developed a beach on Peconic Bay just east of Shinnecock Canal. This beach was a favorite with many older residents and young families due to its long expanse of clean beach and soft, calm bay water. Under town domination, Southampton residents could use the beach free and non-residents could buy a daily pass for \$1.

This year the County refused to renew the town's lease and will take over the beach as County property. It will now cost anyone who wishes to use it a \$3 parking permit plus an additional 50 cents per day users fee, plus all the taxes that he will be forced to pay to support the County operation whether he visits this beach or not. It is also very questionable whether the County will be able to maintain the same high standards that the town has for the last few years with regard to cleanliness and supervision.

When you consider that town residents could use the beach free and non-residents paid only a dollar a day, no one but the County is going to come out ahead on this deal. The average family from out of the Southampton area will not use the beach more than six times during the season so they will not be any farther ahead, and the townspeople will be behind from the first time they use this facility. You can be sure that this never would have happened under the old Board. Each town had its own thing and all benefited from them. Now, under the new makeup of the Board, the East End only has two out of the eighteen votes and does not have the power to stop encroachments such as these by the greedy West End power brokers. Of course, the only answer is the formation of a new East End county. This publication has long been an advocate of a separate county and

feels that more Eastenders will feel as strongly about this subject as more assaults on the East End's domain occur. This small but significant move by the County is only one of many more to come. The future of local independent towns does not look good.

Of course, there is another position on this matter, which if it had been in effect, could have held off the acquisition of this prime property by the County. For six years, we have advocated that the eastern towns work out a reciprocal use agreement so that all residents of the East End could use each others recreation facilities. Under this set-up if you had a recreation or parking permit from any one of the five towns, you would be welcome to use the facilities of any other town. This idea has been given lip service by the politicians, but it has never become a reality.

Now as never before there is a crying need for cooperation among the leaders of the eastern towns. If we are ever going to preserve some semblance of the characteristics that we all cherish, we have to act jointly. The day of complete independence of our neighbor is over. We hope that the acquisition of this beach by the County serves as a warning to bind our leaders together. And Why Not?

Use Suffolk Life

Our phones ring constantly with people calling to find out various answers to questions that they have about their local government and the services they perform. People want to know such simple things as where do they get beach permits, the cost, and the rules and regulations. Other questions are: Where are the dumps? When are they open? When must they pay their taxes? Are they allowed to burn trash?

Suffolk Life is distributed to just about every resident living on the east end of Long Island, both year-round and summer residents. We are the only total communication link between the public and those who have the news the people want. We urge all

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government officials to use this medium of communication to get across to your constituents information about their town. We publish such news items as a public service. We do not, as many of the other papers in the area, charge you a legal advertising fee to bring this information to the public. We only ask that you send this information to us in the form of a news item and that it be typed neatly. We will do the rest.

Use Suffolk Life. Use it to the advantage of the public. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Letter To The NY Telephone Co.

Gentlemen:

It was magnanimous of you to "arrange" a credit of 66 cents on my bill, for a call which I did not make. However, I call your attention to the fact that you did not reduce anything in the message unit dept.

Your letter dated June 9, stated that you made several attempts to reach me by phone to "discuss details and questions" raised in my letter. Be advised that I don't want a discussion. I want an explanation! If you are as right as you would lead the Public to believe, put your explanation in writing; perhaps Mr. Willmott will print it so that we will all have a chance to read it.

Perhaps it is about time for you to send in the first team composed of pin-striped suited lawyers, who could not make a go of it in private practice, but who would rather hide behind the corrupt power vested in the Public Service commission, (a group of Rockefeller's political hacks who were rewarded for

being good vote-getters in the third ward). The Public fully realizes that the Public Service Commission is where the Tweedledees and Tweedledums make it easy for corporation lawyers to win cases which they could not win in the courtroom.

If I succeed in bringing this case before a jury composed of 12 working people, you had better say a prayer and head for the hills.

In the meanwhile, be advised that I will never pay your bill unless you itemize the calls and charges; your grab-all message unit trickery is not good enough.

Sincerely
Walter W. Washburn
East Marion

Gentlemen:

The American Association of Retired Persons, Sag Harbor Chapter 408 is having a special occasion on Monday, June 22. The day will be proclaimed as "A.A.R.P. DAY!" by Mayor John Ward of Sag Harbor and Mayor Harold Dingee of North Haven.

We will be honored by the visitation of our National President Mr. Fred Faassen who will present the Charter with our Charter, and Miss Martha Morgan, the Regional Director of the North Eastern States.

Lady Insurers

Meet

Massapequa Insurance Women's Association of Long Island meets at 5:30 pm Tuesday, June 23, at Olsen's in Massapequa. There is to be a buffet at 6:30 pm, preceded by a social hour. The June meeting includes installation of officers and "reception of new members."

Mr. Eugene Lester, Supervisor of East Hampton and Mr. Robert Cameron, Supervisor of Southampton will also attend the Charter presentation ceremonies starting at 2 pm at the American Legion Hall, Bay Street, Sag Harbor.

There will be a display of Arts, Crafts and Hobbies by the members on this occasion which will be open to the public.

The American Association of Retired Persons is a national organization with a membership approaching two million, and a local Sag Harbor membership of over 400.

Thanking you, I remain,

Very truly yours,
R. L. Waeckerling,
Program Chairman.

Dear Sir,

I am comfortably retired after an active and full life; I have seen several wars come and go and sweated in them and through them; I am a Democrat on the liberal side.

I am sick to death of the Hippies, Militants, Yippies, and the off beat stuff they live with in their own little world.

I have two children and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 18 years and I am worried for them in case they get afflicted with the thinking that is around the schools and the things that seem to breed there.

I am tired of hearing the older age groups blamed for the irrational thinking of the Campus rebels with their bearded faces and dirty hair, their scruffy unkempt clothes, and their often smelly bodies.

They do not have the common courtesy to listen to anything or anybody below a shout or scream. They will not discuss or debate in reason, and their arrogance is unbelievable, and obnoxious to anyone trying to find out just what they really want from us and the world in general. Now I certainly do not want to blame every young man or woman for having a say or holding an opinion about any subject, but there are far too many of the kind of noisy boors

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TWIN FORK FENCE

now has three locations to serve you better....

The map shows the outline of Long Island with three locations marked. Wading River is on the western tip, Southold is on the northern coast, and Southampton is on the southern coast. Lines connect each location to a text box providing details about the nursery and garden center at that location.

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SOUND AVE. & 25A
WADING RIVER, N.Y.
929-4479

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Road Of No Return

The Long Island Expressway has finally reached us. Now, all of eastern Long Island is vulnerable to chaos and change. From Manhattan to Calverton you can travel uninterrupted by either stop light or crossroad. As one rides east on this strip of concrete from the metropolitan area it is easy to see how Manhattan has extended its reach even though, every few miles, a new sign tells you that you are in a different town or village.

Can eastern Long Island ever resist this change? We fear not. It is already too late to do anything to stop the development of this area. The vacant land out here, whether it be farm land or scrub oak, is largely owned by real estate syndicates. They bought the land for the sole purpose of making a profit. To turn a profit this land will have to be sold again, but this time it will be for development, for industrial parks, shopping centers and for homes. Each kind of development will be attended by new problems and benefits.

The problems can be minimized and the benefits increased through careful planning by the local town boards, zoning boards and planning boards. Most of our local towns have master plans in effect which spell out how the towns want their growth to proceed. This is good; it will be great if these plans are followed to the "T" and not altered to accommodate friends and patrons of the controlling political parties.

What is badly lacking is a coordinated master plan among the five eastern towns. Such a plan is badly needed. Coordination of master plans is the second most important need here in the east end. The opening of the Expressway will make us jointly vulnerable to drastic change. Change that takes place in one town

will affect the others. If we wish to retain some semblance of the characteristics we love in the east end then we will have to act in concert. If Riverhead decides to promote heavy industrial development, the effects will be felt in Southold and Southampton and vice versa.

There is a Nassau-Suffolk Planning Board. On a smaller scale we need an eastern Suffolk planning board. Today it is more important than ever before. Prior to reapportionment our town supervisors met on the County Board and exchanged ideas and thoughts about their respective towns. Now there is no formal communication between towns and this is vital where towns are in such close proximity.

At present, the aims of the five eastern towns are very similar and only through combined efforts can they be successful in implementing their goals. The Long Island Expressway is open. It is a road of no-return to a way of life that its absence once guaranteed to us. Now, positive steps must be taken jointly to preserve the way of life we hold so dear. Encourage your supervisor to meet with the other supervisors regularly. And why not?

Hurray For Shelter Island

In an unheard of move the Shelter Island School Board has said "No thank you" to an offering of state-administered federal funds for educationally disadvantaged children. Under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the school district, because it has three children on the welfare rolls, was entitled to over \$1300.00 Originally slated for a marine science discoveries program, which the three welfare children have not participated in, the Board of Education reevaluated the situation and decided not to accept the funds.

Fantastic! Amazing! Who ever heard of an organization or individual that would turn down an offer of money? From Uncle Sam? Shelter island has!

With typical down-east honesty and integrity the school board rejected these funds, and the School Board President Mr. Charles Dalton said, "It's rather a simple thing, really. We did not want to accept something we were not entitled to. The source of this money is all of us, not the government and when we take some of it that we shouldn't, then somebody is going to be hurt." Suffolk Life feels that this was one of the most honest statements ever made. We wouldn't dream of putting words in Mr. Dalton's mouth, but what he is really saying is that government is non-creative and can distribute only what it first taxes away from the productive efforts of individuals. Those who pay lip service to conservative and-or libertarian principles but who have been tempted to "get on the bandwagon" of governmental handouts can learn a huge lesson from Mr. Dalton.

We say "hurray!" to Charles Dalton and the Shelter Island School Board. They have shown the nation where thrift and economy in government can start. If all branches of government acted independently and with a little backbone we would witness a huge reduction in government spending. We offer our heartiest congratulations to these people for showing the nation what honesty and integrity in government really means. And why not?



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