

Proud Announcement

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce that Suffolk Life received nine national awards at the annual convention of the National Association of Advertising Publishers, a trade association of community newspapers. With over two-thousand papers eligible for the awards competition, Suffolk Life was singled out for distinction from the four-hundred top papers in the United States, Canada and the Virgin Islands.

These awards are not so much for Suffolk Life but for the people who work so hard and so imaginatively for us. Our loyal staffers who put out such dedicated effort and long hours are the real winners of these awards. No single entry was the work of any one person. Everyone here at Suffolk Life played an important part in each award. News and editorial department, copy layout and art department, the typesetters, the compositors, the proof-readers, the camera department, the front office and our gung-ho sales force played a key role in our being chosen for these distinctions.

We gratefully acknowledge everyone for their efforts and we particularly thank our readers for their continuing support which has enabled us to go into this important annual competition. We will try to continue to justify the responsibility that these awards have placed on us. And why not?

Protecting Our Own

Once there was a time in history when an American citizen dared walk in any part of the world secure in the knowledge that he was under the protection of the United States of America. Our country was run then by a different breed of men. Today we allow our ships, such as the Pueblo, to be siezed by second-rate nations and their crews to be held as hostages. Closer to home we permit hostile foreign ships to come right up to our shores to spy claiming that they are on friendly or fishing missions.

The fishing treaty which has allowed all of this to happen is the cause of the rape of our oceans off our shores. Captain Zwinkler of Orient, who has campaigned for sense and who sat on the International Commission to study these matters, says that this giveaway is resulting in the depletion of all our seafood resources off our shores. He has documented evidence that these foreign vessels wantonly take not only the fish permitted under the treaty but all other fish, many of them full of roe and in the process of spawning.

Now we read that our lobstermen are having their pots and rigging stolen and destroyed by these international thieves. What does our government do? They hold a "social" aboard one of the offending ships and politely ask the captain to be more careful. They tell the lobstermen, whose livelihood is being robbed, to file a report.

Last winter our shrimp and tuna boats were commandeered by South American countries for fishing within 1,000 miles of their shores. It seems that these "banana" countries, with less military manpower than our state national guards, have so much clout in maritime matters that we not only bowed to them but paid the heavy fines which they levied upon us for violating their territorial waters. age 3

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We have talked to our congressman about this situation. We have suggested that the United States, supposedly the most powerful country in the world, should protect its marine resources from such overt ruination as the small countries have done. His answer is that the Coast Guard says it cannot patrol our waters to the necessary extent because it does not have the manpower.

Now, with this kind of answer coming from a ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, who is directly responsible for the American war machine, we wonder if we are right in keeping him on this committee. Apparently he can fully justify our fighting role on the other side of the world, but he is unable to insure that we are fully capable of protecting our own shoreline.

Out of weakness we have signed a treaty which permits foreign powers to come within 12 miles of our shores without inspection. These foreign vessels are raping our ocean floor of its marine resources and reproducing abilities. We have allowed our own fishermen to be harassed to the point of business failure. We have left ourselves wide open for surveillance and for attack by these so-called fishing vessels that are as big as city blocks and carry the most sophisticated electronic equipment not normally found on fishing craft.

The time has come to abandon our cowardly policy and to reinstate Teddy Roosevelt's policy of the soft voice and the big stick. For the protection of our fishermen and our marine resources we need realistic territorial water limits that extend, at least, to the end of the continental shelf. Unless we do this our marine life off our shores will be depleted to a wasteland. We have placed ourselves in a very vulnerable position

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Willmott's and Why-Nots By David J. Willmott, Editor

Offshore Superstructure Planned

Northville Dock has applied to the Corps of Army Engineers for permission to construct a superstructure off its property in L. I. Sound for the purpose of unloading oil barges. If allowed this will only increase the ruination of the sound off Northville. Much has already been done to contribute to the destruction of the landscape. Northville Dock has been responsible for many oil spills which have coated the north shore beaches with gobs of foul-smelling crude oil and resulted in the death of much wildlife.

The implications of this application are even more horrendous when one realizes that Northville Dock has acquired large tracts of farmland in the area for further development of tank farms and the fact that major oil companies are once again prospecting for oil off Long Island's shores. As has been noted, these oil companies would not be back for the fourth straight year if they had not come upon something interesting. "If they have discovered oil off our shores they will have to store it somewhere, and what more logical location is there for storage than Northville?

Northville Dock should never have been allowed to establish its beachead right smack in the middle of what once was Riverhead's choicest piece of landscape. The wisdom and foresight of the Riverhead Town officials is a matter of record, and they are the laughing stock of the entire eastern seaboard. There is no way that Northville can be made to stop what they have already done, but an aroused citizenry can do much to hold them back from expanding.

The application for this massive "Coney Island" type superstructure, if allowed to go unchallenged, will only lead the way to greatly increased activity in the area. The structure itself will be an affront to the scenic assets of the area. Tanker traffic will increase, and even if it does provide a more stable platform for unloading fuel it does nothing to make the tankers more stable, and they are to blame for much of the spillage in the area.

Suffolk Life encourages you to involve yourself in this matter. We urge you to write or wire the Corps of Army Engineers, no later than June 18, requesting that they hold a public meeting in Riverhead, so that all residents may have the opportunity to get all the facts and to have a chance to voice their opinions. Do something to protect your environment for today, but more particularly for tomorrow. And why not?

Dennison's Decision

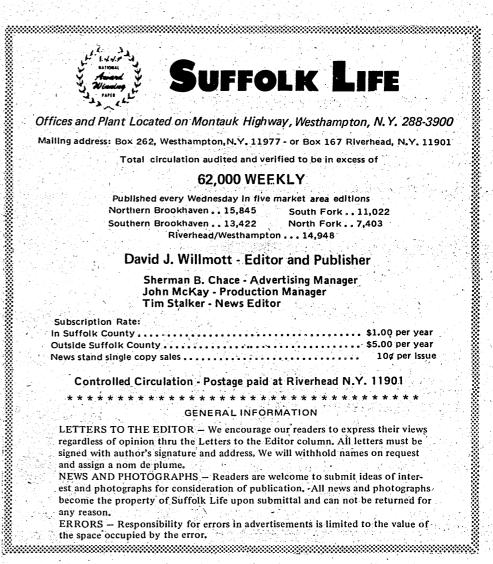
County Executive H. Lee Dennison has ended the speculation about his running for another term of office by announcing his retirement from public office. The Republicans are joyful. The Democrats are anything BUT, and the Conservatives see the situation as a whole new ballgame. The people who are left are in somewhat of a quandry. Whether they appreciated Mr. Dennison or not, at least there was some sort of balance on the county level. With the elections just a



few months away they face the predicament of finding fresh, new faces, who can really offer the people at tractive choices rather than running party hacks.

Much can be said, good and bad, about Mr. Dennison. He gave the county planning and direction, even if that direction was the opposite of what most east-enders wanted. He was a tremendous, positive factor in the development of Suffolk County, and his mark will be felt well into the next century.

We wish both him and Mrs. Dennison a very happy and well-earned retirement. And why not?



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50 Percent Welfare Jump Requested

The Suffolk County Welfare Department got the budget hearings off to a grand start this past week by requesting almost a 50 percent increase in funds. If accepted by the county it is estimated that this could raise our real estate taxes by as much as \$1 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. This \$1 is just the local share; the other 75 percent or \$3 would be paid by the federal and state governments.

It appears that the cost of keeping our brothers is making a lot of brothers give up in despair and are joining the many brothers who are on the dole. This leaves fewer and fewer brothers to support the rest. We can't say that we really blame many people for taking the easy way out. Why should one kill himself working at two or three jobs just to keep food on the table when all he has to do is lower his head, go on the dole and live easier and better than if he were working. It doesn't take much brains to plead disability or take a temporary leave from one's obligations and family. You can visit your family on a regular basis, and on welfare you can even get to see them more often than if you were working 60 and 70 hours per week.

Everyone takes advantage of the system. There is always that gray area where one can operate. Just look at our government leaders. They operate within this gray area. Recent investigations into the activities of certain Suffolk County officials, the findings of which were published in Newsday, indicated that these officials did nothing legally wrong, but by stretching the law they have made millions for themselves and their cronies. Take a look at teachers whom children were once told to look up to. They have ignored their professional obligations and resorted to strikes, walkouts and bending of the law to their own needs to get what they want. They have literally used the system to feather their own nests and have placed their own welfare above that of their charges. Look at our civil servants who have no qualms about paralyzing whole cities and who talk about paralyzing the entire state to achieve their ends - all of this in complete defiance of the law. Even the business community is not above using the system to feather its own nest. Wealthy people, who can afford certain types of investments, use the system to their advantage and pay no income taxes. These people are no better than the man who is capable of working but refuses to do so.

What it comes down to is that we are a society of people each trying to feed off the next guy - a nation of parasites. Gone is the incentive for self-improvement. Those on the dole just happen to be singled out for particular condemnation.

Each year we cry that something must be done to turn the system around - to reorient it according to sound principles of honesty and integrity. Of course, such a turning around is practically impossible because almost everybody has his head in the trough in one way or another. It would take an incredible moral revolution to effect such a change. Imagine what it would be like if people refused handouts and moved heaven and earth to get jobs. Wouldn't it be amazing if people were willing to put in a good days work for a days pay and asked for nothing more? How astonishing it would be if people would admit that they are not necessarily entitled to a raise in pay just because they want it - or a better retirement program, or better health care or you name it. We think that the first and best place to look before we can begin to remake society is in our own mirrors. AGE

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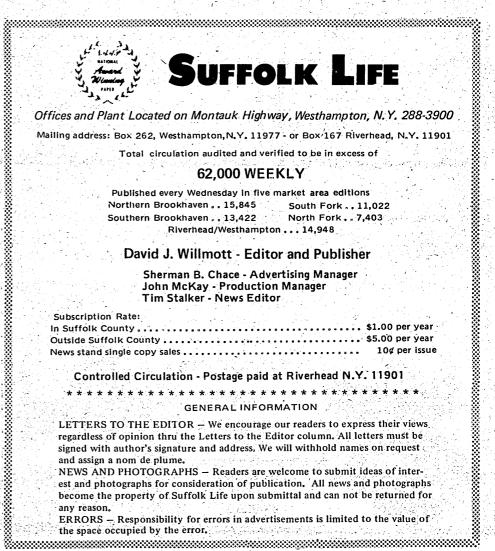
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The place to start is at home. When we have done that, and come to terms with ourselves, then and only then, can we turn to our county officials and tell them to reject the federal and state welfare system - that we will run our own system on our own terms. We have 35 to 50 million dollars to work with and we are going to make do with it come hell or high water, and we don't want any help or interference. Without the rules and regulations we are subject to, by accepting state and federal aid, we can run a good welfare department so that those who definitely need aid, and meet the basic requirements, can get it.

If we look for an easy out we only encourage others to do the same. Freed of state and federal bondage, and with a fresh approach, we can provide for our own and HAVE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION. The present welfare system is a failure. A fresh approach will work. And why not?



You have banged down the gavel on this year's session of the legislature, and, in so doing, you have let us down here on eastern Long Island. We listened to you two years ago, and we believed you. Now we know we were wrong. You told us to have faith in you and Cont. page 9



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faith in the law - that you would push for the creation of Peconic County. Maybe it was our blind faith in you, both as a resident and as an astute politician, that led us to believe you would do all you could to see this bill through.

Yes, you did see it through both the Assembly and the Senate in 1970 as you promised. In this current session you did see it through the Assembly, but, when it was introduced in the Senate, it conveniently failed. We all know that the bill had to be passed by both houses of the legislature in two, consecutive sessions to become eligible for a vote on the county level. The bill came so close, yet failed at the last crucial moment. What a devastating set-back for a bill that meant so much to your constituents.

As the most powerful member of the state legislature, you could have insured the passage of this bill in the Senate, even though your place was in the Assembly. You are counting on the ignorance of most of your constituents as to the workings of state politics of the trading back and forth on favorite bills. You are confident that they will not blame you because the bill did not fail in your house. The fact is that you did have the power to push this all the way and you failed to do so. You let your people down.

We can only surmise that you let this bill die for the same reason that you have never been too hot on it from the beginning. Your own personal power base would be diminished or weakened since you would be from a county of only 100,000 free people and not from a county of one-million controlled people. For whatever reason you let this bill die we don't know, but we do know that we have a lot less respect for a man we once admired. And why not?





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Government By Deception

Ecology has been of great concern to just about everybody. At one time it was called conservation. We guess that is the reason why the Conservation Department was put in charge of the Marine and Coastal Resources. (MCRD) A call from our news editor, this past week, to this organization to confirm the report that they granted Northville Industries a permit to construct a superstructure in the sound turned up some interesting information.

It seems that before the Army Corps of Engineers can issue a permit, an application must first be acted upon by the MCRD. The MCRD concerns itself with all matters pertaining to ecology, and whether or not its investigation is thorough is largely determined by the amount of public reaction to any given project. If the public is hollering loud and clear the MCRD will call for a public hearing so that all the facts can be brought out into the open. If the public is unaware of a proposed project, thus unable to react, the MCRD would not hold a hearing. Such has been the case in the Northville application.

It was only by accident that we came across the Northville information and brought it to the public's attention. As of last Friday almost 600 people and various organizations sent correspondence to the Corps of Army Engineers. Apparently the MCRD failed to specify its role in this, so it was unaware of any opposition to the project. Lacking knowledge of opposition to the project they went ahead and issued the permit.

Apparently no one from the MCRD attempted to ascertain the feelings of the people. We were not sent a questionnaire on the matter. We weren't asked to publicize the fact that the MCRD wanted a good sampling of public opinion. We know of not one organization that was contacted to give its opinion.

It appears that the MCRD did not want to find out how the people feel; that they did not want to know the effects of this project on the ecology of the sound, and they obviously did not want to get involved in a public hearing.

The Conservation Department has been charged with a grave responsibility. Will the public's opinions continue to be handled in such a high-handed manner? We believe that our legislators should look into this matter and soon. They created this department and are responsible for it. Furthermore, the Corps of Army Engineers must reexamine this permit in the light of its failure to determine the public's opinion. The issuance of this permit was not in the best interests of the people. And why not?

At Last

A system of government was perfected, under former Supervisor Vojvoda of Riverhead, that has proven disastrous to the people of the town. This man mastered the art of the executive session and, in so doing, denied the public the right to hear how the various members of the town board feel on an issue. In private, without the benefit of the public, they determine their decisions on imporant issues; they then come out and announce their decisions without debate or fair and adequate hearings. PAGE

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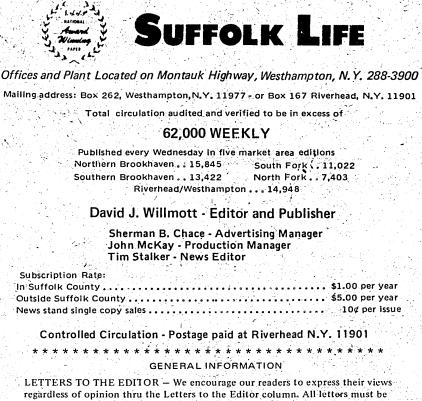
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At last there was a break in this disgraceful pattern last week when Councilman George Young had the guts to stand up and state his feelings on the rezoning of the Lerner properties. He offered his opinions so that the people of the area could ask questions and challenge his remarks. He tried unsuccessfully to initiate a public debate on the issues. A town board is a legislative body whose purpose is to debate the questions and to bring out all viewpoints, not just sit there like controlled mummies. With this small departure from precedent it is hoped that Riverhead Town government can break out of the back room and into the public where it belongs. Of course, those who benefit from back room politics won't like this. Their wheeling and dealing will be exposed and the public might know what is going on.

George Young's action was a giant step in restoring honest, open government to Riverhead, and we congratulate him on having the convictions to do so. And why not?

Very Frightening

Last week's injunction against The New York Times was in direct violation of Article I of the Constitution of the United States. A series of articles about a secret cont. on page 4

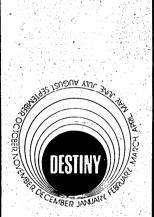


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Pentagon study of the Vietnam war led the Government, which seems more concerned with avoiding embarrassment than preserving our guaranteed freedoms, to ask that the Times be barred from publishing any further articles. Fortunately, Judge Murray Gurfein's decision denying the Government's plea was the only decision a right-thinking person could have made if freedom of the press is to remain one of our most cherished rights.

Our Government's attempt to muzzle the Times can only lead us to ask "What next?" We have all witnessed the erosion of self-government, guaranteed to us under the Constitution, and we have sat back apathetically while it happened. The erosion of our freedoms comes in small doses - so small that we sometimes fail to recognize what is happening. When we look, however, at the Constitution in its simplest context and then perceive what we have allowed to happen to it we realize that our "free" society of today is a far cry from the society our founding fathers envisioned.

We feel that every citizen must stand up and defend the Times' right and responsibility to publish the news. Whether or not the Government feels that such news will embarrass or jeopardize our foreign policy is of little consequence compared to the irreparable disaster of losing the right of a free press. We cannot permit another freedom to be eliminated by the mple stroke of a pen. We encourage you to send your outraged protest to the White House, to both your Senators and to your Representatives in Congress. If you don't your children may one day reap the bitter harvest of the generation that didn't care enough to preserve its own freedoms. And why not?

LETTERS THE EDITOR TO

Open letter to the Riverhead Town Board and **Riverhead Town Planning Board** Gentlemen:

Please be advised that the North Fork Environmental Council is opposed to the construction of the proposed shopping center-quad home complex in Aquebogue. We oppose the project because it is likely to further deplete the limited water resources of the North Fork and because the project would be detrimental to the existing downtown Riverhead business center. Furthermore, the project conflicts with the Bi-County Comprehensive plan which propses that the existing downtown business center be revitalized and expanded as a regional activity center.-

In addition, since the expansion of mooring facilities at Northville may be the precursor of significant change in the North Fork environment, the NFEC urges the Town Board and Town Planning Board to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hold a public hearing on the proposal to build a mooring platform at Jacobs Point, Northville. (Re: Public Notice No. 6790). Sincerely,

Joseph P. Sullivan President, NFEC

Dear Sir:

As commercial fishermen, I'm sure all of us read your editorial in the June 2 issue with interest. Anyone reading articles on this subject can see there is just about a total lack of interest at high government level in the American commercial fishing industry. This is a complex problem on a national level, with the different types of fishing involved, and the sad part is that the United States has delayed so long, by international law these foreign countries can probably claim historic Cont. page 9

Willmott's and Why-Nots

By David J. Willmott, Editor

July 4, 1971

In these trying times, with the whole country in a turmoil and public trust in government at its lowest ebb in years due to the fumbling of our leaders, we can think of no more fitting way to commemorate the Fourth of July than to read and reread the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States. Let us remember that these freedoms are the cornerstone of our government and that we should guard against anyone or any institution tampering with them. We urge all our readers to read and study the following and to demand that the Bill of Rights be followed to the letter. And why not?

ARTICLEI

(Freedom of religion, speech, of the press, and right of petition.) Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or

abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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people to keep and bear Arms,

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(Right of people to bear arms not to be infringed.) A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a

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ARTICLE III 115 NON DESCRIPTION (Quartering of troops.) No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the

ARTICLE IV

(Persons and houses to be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures.) The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated,

Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law:

and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

danger; nor shall any person be

subject for the same offence to

be twice put in jeopardy of life

or limb; nor shall be compelled

in any criminal case to be a

witness against himself, nor be

deprived of life, liberty, or

property, without due process

of law; nor shall private

property be taken for public

use, without just compensation.

ARTICLE V

(Trials for crimes; just compensation for private property taken for public use.) No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public

ARTICLE VI

(Civil rights in trials for crimes enumerated.) In all. criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public frial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been

previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

ARTICLEVII

(Civil rights in civil suits.) In Suits at common law,, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be

preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

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ARTICLE VIII

(Exessive bail; fines and punishments prohibited.) Excessive bail shall not be

required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

ARTICLEIX

the people.

(Reserved rights of people.) The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall

ARTICLE X

(Powers not delegated, reserved to states and people respectively.) The powers not delegated to the United States

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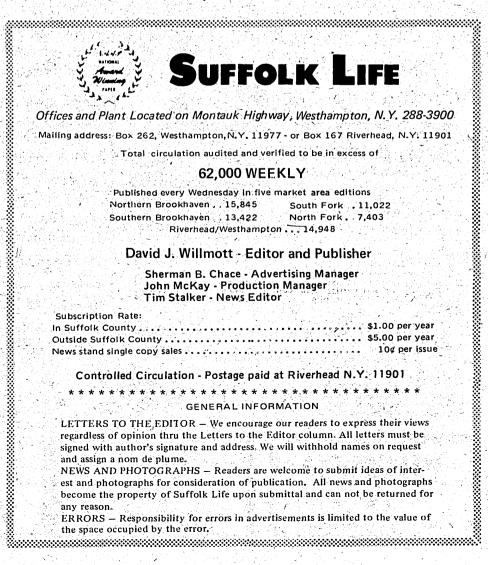
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Tenth Annual Plea

Every year, at this time, we hear from our readers that they are being denied access to the beaches they wish to use. Each town denies the use of its facilities to its neighbors. In Riverhead it is impossible for an outsider to use the beaches legally. In some of the other towns certain facilities can be used by purchasing a non-resident daily or seasonal pass.

To our way of thinking all of this is ridiculous. Each town has something of value but no town including Brookhaven has everything. Such restrictive, provincial and selfish prohibitions deny the residents of any town the full utilization of all our natural resources. The reasons such a condition is permitted to continue are found somewhere between apathy and an "I don't give-a-damn" attitude on the part of our elected town leaders.

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There are really no logical reasons why reciprocal agreements between the six eastern towns could not be worked out.

All that has to be done is for each of the town boards to get together and agree to recognize each others beach permits as they would their own. Some say that this would lead to overcrowding and the need for additional beaches. We do not think so. Most beaches only draw capacity crowds on the major summer holiday weekends. Otherwise there is plenty of space for all.

We urge you to contact the members of your town board and tell them your feelings on this matter. If they do not act then tell it to their opponents in this year's local elections. They will listen. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Your editorial in the June 25 issue entitled "At Last" could just as well have been written about Southold, insofar as the art of the executive session is concerned, as carried on by our Town Board. One sentence in particular should be framed and placed on the Town Board's meeting rooms: "A town board is a legislative body whose purpose is to debate the questions and to bring out all viewpoints, not just sit there like controlled mummies."

Unfortunately, our mummies do not harbor a George Young in their midst. As an inveterate Board Watcher I can count on the fingers of one hand the number of times there was a dissenting vote on a question (and I am not counting my thumb) and in only one instance was there an explanation for the "No" vote.

We do not have to look very far for the reason for this sorry state of affairs. While the rest of the County is talking about maintaining a two-party system; Southold is unique in that we have barely a One-and-one-half party system. Crying Dominic Baranello recently did his best to reduce it to a oneparty system by trying to prevent cross-endorsing of candidates, - that is, no cross-endorsing except by the major parties so they can put in as judges party hacks who could not make it otherwise with any competition at all. The favorite quotation of Dum-Dum Dom is that he had to do this to prevent the tail from wagging the dog. What an apt simile! The local Democratic organization so dispirited from not being able to get even a toe inside the door of local office for many years, was not able to muster enough effort at the last election to put their candidate for supervisor over the top. With the help of Conservative endorsement he lost by 105 votes when he could have won had they gotten out all of their enrolled voters. Tail wag the dog? How can: the dog wag his tail if it's between his legs? That is the position of the local dog after Baranello administered his last kick. all the second second

He made loud noises at the Democratic County Convention that he was declaring "war" against the Republicans and he promised to draw blood, etc., during the campaign. You do not have to be a military factician to know that you cannot fight a war with a circus cannon loaded with marshmallows and, as for drawing blood, I guarantee you that the flow will easily be stopped with a styptic pencil, judging by his "war" record.

County, Executive Lee Dennison has often said that the County will have to take over many of the functions of the Town Boards if they do not soon start solving their local problems, and John Klein who aspires to that position has also stated similar cont, on page 9