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For the past seven years Suffolk Life has been mailed to every resident of Eastern Suffolk County free-of-charge. Each week you have received our publication which has contained the best in local retail advertising. Many of these ads have told you how you can save money on almost everything you need to buy. We have covered most social and recreational affairs photographically that have taken place in the Eastern Long Island area. We have published strong, thought provoking editorials on many subjects. We have acted as a watch dog on government spending and operations. We have provided a forum from which all residents of this area have been given an opportunity to express themselves. We have published many thousands of articles of local interest. We have not attempted to cover 'news' as such, having felt that the daily papers, radio and television do an adequate job at this and that we would be doing nothing more than providing a rehash of yesterday's news. We might add that so many of our readers have written to us asking that we cover the 'news' events in Suffolk County, that we are contemplating doing so as part of our future expansion program.

You may ask yourself why Suffolk Life, once a free publication, must now ask for \$1.00 per year subscription. The answer is quite simple. Formerly, we paid the Post Office 1¢ per copy to distribute Suffolk Life. Last December, 1967, Congress passed a bill which will raise our postage rate to 3.8¢ per copy over the next three years (an increase of 280%). This increase in postage means that we will have to pay \$100,000. per year MORE than we used to, in order to get Suffolk Life to your home or Post Office box. What are the alternatives open to us?

We could eliminate the news content of our publication and mail under Third Class rates of 3.6¢ to 4¢ per piece. This piece rate would be virtually the same as the rate we are now facing with the recent Second Class postal increase, but, by eliminating our news content, we would save the cost of publishing 25% to 30% of our publication. Therefore, the savings in publishing costs would offset the increases in postal rates. Of the thousands, yes thousands of letters that we have received from our readers in the past two months, not one has suggested that we pursue this course of action. The other alternative is to ask you, our readers, to buy a subscription to Suffolk Life. If most of our readers do this, we will then be able to apply for a change in our postal classification to Paid Second Class. Under Paid Second Class, which is the mailing classification of most weekly newspapers, the postal cost is only

1/10th of a cent per copy within the county. This is the new rate, set by Congress, which includes the 25% increase over the former rate of 1/16th of a cent per copy. In the publishing field it is called 'free-in-county'. You can easily see how the fantastic spread in cost between 1/10th of a cent for Paid Second Class to 3.8¢ for Controlled Circulation Second Class is an economic consideration that we cannot ignore.

To obtain our goal, and the favorable postage costs enjoyed by the paid weekly newspapers, we must first qualify, by being able to submit to the Post Office, a paid subscription list of a minimum of 65% of our intended circulation. Since we currently publish over 48,000 copies of Suffolk Life each week, our minimum goal is 32,000 subscriptions.

Several thousand wonderful people have already subscribed. We cannot thank them enough for doing this. We need just about everyone to make our goal. That is the reason why it is so important that we receive YOUR subscription. We have set out on an almost impossible course of action, but we have faith in the readers of this paper. We feel that you like it enough to care about its continuance. Your support, in the form of a subscription, will be proof of it. We hope that if you haven't subscribed yet, you will not delay any longer. We know how easy it is to put things off, and, unfortunately, some things never get done because we all procrastinate occasionally. Uncle Sam does not wait, however; he put the first step of our postage increase into effect this past January 7.

For your convenience we have published a subscription form below. This can either be mailed to Suffolk Life or left at any one of the convenient locations listed on Page 15 of this edition. Won't you subscribe TODAY and keep Suffolk Life coming to YOUR mail box. And Why Not?

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A Night For Americans

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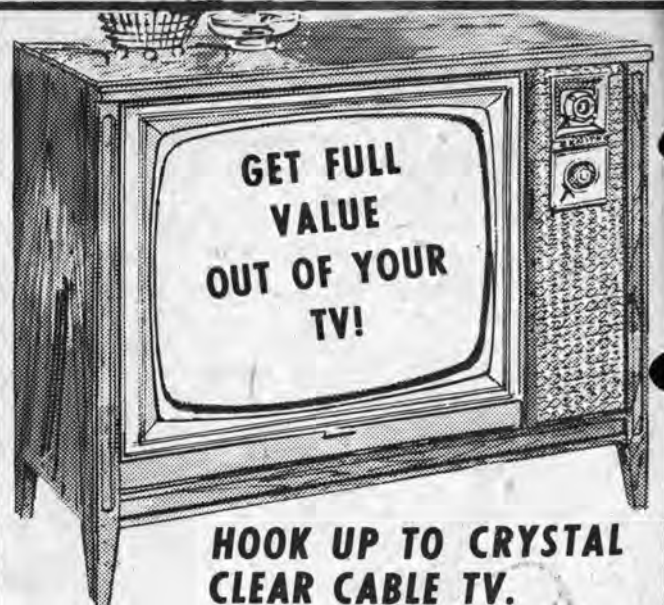
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residents of Eastern Long Island a chance to stand up and be counted. They have planned a gala ball to be held May 25th over Memorial Day Weekend at the Riverhead Armory. The theme of the ball will be "A NIGHT FOR AMERICANS".

The main purpose of the ball will be to raise funds to be used by the USO in supporting the morale of service men in all parts of the world. The USO provides entertainment and makes life a little more bearable for the men in all branches of the service throughout the world. During these trying times, when we have our men guarding and maintaining the peace in the four corners of this earth and fighting a

bitter war in Viet Nam, the USO funds are stretched to their limits. It is the intention of this fine group to raise whatever funds they can by sponsoring this ball to help in this worthy cause.

They also hope that a good turn-out will show our men, who are out there protecting us, that the people on the home front do care and that we are not all a bunch of draft card burning ingrates. There have been too many demonstrations by those who oppose what has made this country great and strong and too little support shown by those who still believe in good old-fashioned American principles. We believe that the great majority of people here in the East End as well as most Americans, appreciate the opportunities that this country affords us, the freedoms that we enjoy and the responsibilities we have towards our government. Unfortunately, we tend to be apathetic, letting others fight our battles for us. It is time for those of us, who believe in the principles that this country stands for, to stand up and be counted; to do our own small part in showing our men and the rest of the world that we do care and that the vast majority of Americans are behind our Soldiers' efforts to thwart Communism and to preserve peace. We can do this by making this "NIGHT FOR AMERICANS" a roaring success.

We hope that everybody will turn out in support of this effort. The ball should be a tremendous success and provide a wonderful evening of entertain-

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Right To Shoot

Both houses of our state government have passed a bill returning to police and home owners the right to protect themselves against criminal elements. Known the Shoot-to Kill Bill, it is a revision of the penal law which, effective September 1, 1967, no longer allowed the police to use their weapons to stop fleeing criminals or home-owners from protecting their property unless the intruder showed signs of using deadly physical force.

This particular provision of the penal law has had many citizens of the state up in arms and, we feel, rightly so. It was felt that the Legislature had tipped the scales in favor of the law breaker and stripped the offended parties and police of their rights. It is argued that a policeman cannot make a clear decision, as to whether or not a law breaker is going to use a gun before he actually does, and, therefore, the officer is a sitting target. How does a person know if an intruder is armed or, if he is, does he intend to use his weapon? Does he have to wait for this person to move to do him bodily harm before he can protect himself and his property? It was felt that the Legislature had granted law breakers carte blanche to go ahead with their illegal pursuits while, at the same time, limiting the efforts of those who moved to stop them. This provision in the Penal Law, plus other unfair restrictions, have caused many good officers to resign from the police department and has deterred many young men from choosing law enforcement as a career.

We think that the Legislature made a very wise move in revising this bill and returning to the police powers so necessary to enforce the law and protect the innocent. The intruder will also know that he may be met by a blast of buckshot instead of a cowering "handcuffed" property owner. It is good

to see that our government is responding to the people's wishes by taking steps to return law, and the means of enforcing it, to reason and common sense. We hope it is a trend that will continue. And Why Not?

Keep Them Coming!

Wow! Is the only way to describe our feelings at seeing the hundreds of new subscriptions that came in last week. A hearty thanks to all who have responded. We hope that, if you did not send in your subscription, you will do it now. Each week that passes the closer we get to our goal, thanks to your help. Your support will help us to accomplish the impossible.

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Swap

Beach weather is still several months away but the old problem of reciprocal beach passes is still with us. Suffolk Life has written, on many occasions, of the need for a system by which the residents of one town may use the recreational facilities of another. Each town has something uniquely different to offer, but, of course, no town is blessed with every type of facility. Therefore, it is only sensible and logical that neighboring towns get together and work out a system whereby all of the residents of the East End can have the full use of all the recreation areas.

In our opinion, it is rather ridiculous for Riverhead Town to deny residents of Southampton the right to use the beaches on Long Island Sound, and it is equally foolish for Southampton to deny Riverhead residents the use of the ocean facilities. This is what has happened over the years. Now is the time for our Town Boards, or representatives of them, to get together and work out the details of such a swap.

Suffolk Life would be glad to publish any ideas

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Medicaid Gets Knife

The ill-conceived state socialized medicine program, otherwise known as Medicaid, was trimmed down to workable proportions by a bill that has just passed the legislature and been signed by the governor. The essence of the bill is that it trims a lot of the bankrupting fat out of the program and reduces the eligibility for a family of four to those earning a net income of under \$5300....a drop of \$700. from the present level of \$6000. These reductions in the bill will mean an ultimate saving to the state and local governments of over \$320,000,000. The savings to local government is over \$160,000,000.

New Yorkers have been alarmed and outraged at the spiraling costs of this program since its inception. Local taxes were forced up substantially by this program, and the state was faced with the prospect of asking for new forms of taxation to cover costs. These spiraling taxes have hurt our middle income families the most. These are the folks who struggle to keep their heads above water by holding down two jobs so that the mortgage is paid on time and whose wives go out to work so that their families can enjoy a few extra luxuries. These people, who have accepted the responsibility of getting ahead by their extra toil and the sweat of their brows, have found themselves caught in a vicious circle. They have found that the harder they work the more that taxes take from their income so that, in the end, they are no farther ahead.

We feel that the legislature has acted with sense and responsibility by reducing the eligibility for this program and eliminating many of its more costly features. The bill still maintains its original purpose of helping those who definitely cannot help themselves any other way. The new bill, while still retaining its humanitarian features, can now conceivably be financed within the bounds of our citizens' ability to pay.

We congratulate the legislature on passing this bill and particularly our own Assemblyman, Perry Duryea, for finding the ability to get the bill out of locked committee and on to the floor where it was passed. And Why Not?

Right To Vote

The public right-to-vote on direct issues has been

questioned by certain individuals. The question has been brought up with specific reference to school expansion programs and programs of other types that would affect our communities. These parties argue that the officials we have elected in general elections, whether they be public officials or school board members, should have the knowledge and power to act on our behalf without having to answer directly to the people. They also contend that these special elections are costly and a waste of time.

We find ourselves in direct disagreement with this theory of government. We feel that the government that is the closest to the people is the best form of government. Centralization of power and authority breaks down the individual's feeling of responsibility towards his government. Special referendums on local issues allow an individual the opportunity to voice his opinion directly on matters that are of concern to him. It becomes clear what the interested public wants as a course of action. If the facts on a subject have been presented clearly, honestly and fairly by its proponents, and the public is convinced that a certain course of action is in their best interests, then they will give their approval.

The argument that we should trust these decisions directly to our elected officials is naive. At the time we elect our officials, many factors are involved in our decision...the party they are running with, their various stands on a number of issues, the way they look, dress and act, their opponents positions...any number of reasons. Just because we elect them to public office does not mean that we trust their every decision. We feel that this democratic tool of permissive referendums and special school elections should be used more often to maintain our way of life and that to do away with it, would seriously injure our governmental processes.

We believe that every good public official, and all who believe in representative government, should welcome and encourage the use of this direct form of expression from the people. People that get directly involved in government make for the best government. And Why Not?

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Why Raise Taxes?

Danger Signs

The District Attorney of Queens County has published a brochure entitled IS YOUR CHILD USING NARCOTICS? It contains a list of signs that parents can watch for in their children, that might indicate the use of narcotics. As the brochure points out, the use of narcotics is not confined to those who live in slums or poverty ridden areas but strikes all areas of our society. An alert parent might be able to prevent a child from taking the path to ruin by being aware of the following signs and symptoms which we publish here as a public service. And Why Not?

DRUG USED	PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS	LOOK FOR
Glue Sniffing	Violence, Drunk Appearance, Dreamy or blank expression	Tubes of glue, Glue smears, Large paper bags or handkerchiefs
Heroin, Morphine, Codeine	Stupor/Drowsiness, Needle marks on body, Watery eyes, Loss of appetite, Blood stain on shirt sleeve	Needle or hypodermic syringe, Cotton, Tourniquet—string, Rope, Belt, Burnt bottle, Caps or spoons, Glassine envelopes
Cough Medicine Containing Codeine and Opium	Drunk appearance, Lack of coordination, Confusion, Excessive itching	Empty bottles of cough medicine
Marijuana, Pot, Grass	Sleepiness, Wandering mind, Enlarged eye pupils, Lack of Coordination, Craving for sweets, Increased appetite	Strong odor of burnt leaves, Small seeds in pocket lining, Cigarette paper, Discolored fingers
LSD, DMT, STP	Severe hallucinations, Feelings of detachment, Incoherent speech, Cold hands & feet, Vomiting, Laughing & crying	Cube sugar with Discoloration in center, Strong body odor, Small tube of liquid
Pep Pills, Ups, Amphetamines	Aggressive behavior, Giggling, Silliness, Rapid speech, Confused thinking, No appetite, Extreme fatigue, Dry mouth, Shakiness	Jar of pills of varying colors, Chain smoking
Goof Balls, Downs, Barbiturates	Drowsiness, Stupor, Dullness, Slurred speech, Drunk appearance, Vomiting	Pills of varying colors

7 SYMPTOMS COMMON TO ALL NARCOTICS USERS.
Rapid disappearance of clothing and personal belongings from home. Signs of unusual activity around garages and larger buildings. Loitering in hallways in areas frequented by addicts. Spending unusual amounts of time in locked bathroom. Inability to hold job or stay in school. Rejection of old friends;

We cannot find sound logic in the call from our Federal economists to raise taxes. We have listened to many arguments calling for an income surtax in order to cool down our economy and stop inflation. We fail to see any justification in putting an already lukewarm economy into a deep freeze or any evidence that a tax rise will stop inflation. Since 1964, and the short-lived two year period of tax reductions when our balance of payments actually did improve, we have not had what you might call a boiling economy. Mortgage money has been restricted, thus depressing the housing industry. Plant expansion, here on Eastern Long Island, has been virtually non-existent, and, we understand, it has not been booming in other parts of the country. Surely, the best way to put our fiscal house in order and to show other nations that we have finally awakened to our financial responsibilities, is to call for a drastic cut in nondefense Federal spending.

It has been estimated that government agencies and government-controlled companies are responsible for over 65% of all the business done in this country. To feed the insatiable appetite of our Federal bureaucracy with more tax dollars, without, at least, a concomitant decrease in Federal spending, will only result in more needless spending and inflation. Some of the more conservative members of Congress are trying to tie a cut in spending with the proposed tax increase but, if this takes place, we will bet our bottom dollar that it will only be temporary. It would not be long before the bureaucrats could not resist the sight of all this new money coming into the till without dredging up some emergency where additional funds would be needed...things like providing bird seed for the Brazilian WuWu bird or researching the sex life of the African red ant. This has been the pattern that our government has taken since the time of the New Deal. There has been little

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or no attempt to balance spending with income or pay off more of our debt than we are borrowing. The result, of course, is that we are saddled with an astronomical national debt that we must forever pay on and must pass on to our children unto the Nth generation.

We, our leaders and our economists must recognize the fact that we will be faced with periodic financial crises, to the point of national bankruptcy, unless we take the necessary steps to curb our Federal spending and apply sound economic principles to halt inflation. If the Federal government will take the moneys saved by its spending cut-backs and use them to pay off the national debt, confidence can be restored in the dollar.

Government is a two-sided affair: The people who make it up and the people who run it. The people who run it cannot continually expect the people who make it up to bail them out of their mistakes. They must accept the responsibilities that the voters have given to them, otherwise there will be a day of reckoning. And Why Not?

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Dear Mr. Willmott,

As a subscriber to your great paper I would like you to put in this item.

Who in Suffolk County remembers the day Theodore Roosevelt spoke at the Riverhead County Fair? I remember it very well. Maybe someone else will remember that day, lets see who. I was about 6 or 7 years old, I am now 77.

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Dear Sir:

I am only too glad to subscribe to your newspaper. I am asking my friends to also subscribe.

In my humble estimation your editorials are the only ones that make any sense out of all the papers on the Island. I am only sorry that your paper is not one of the giants so that everyone could read your fine articles. One gets tired of reading the liberal trash that Newsday puts out. Even the Suffolk Sun takes a liberal stand.

Do me a favor and grow, will you!
 Fred Wartberg
 North Babylon

Dear Mr. Willmott,

I wish to extend my thanks to officer Gillbride and his partner, of the Southampton Police Department, for their aid in solving a double flat situation that happened to my car. This all occurred last Sunday in North Sea.

I also wish to extend my thanks to the several persons who stopped to offer their aid.

Sincerely,
 Frank Best
 Laurel, N.Y.