

Priorities

Last week we ran an editorial criticizing the expenditure of \$125,000 for trap and skeet shooting equipment by the Suffolk County Parks Department. When we wrote it we considered it one of our less controversial editorials and didn't really expect it to generate any kind of controversy. You can't pre-guess the public! We have been deluged with letters from incensed readers criticizing our stand on this issue. Most of the criticism has come from people who enjoy shooting as a form of recreation, and because of the enormous amount of emotional publicity given to gunning they are sensitive to any criticism of this sport.

For the record, this editor is a shooter himself. He has shot skeet and clay pigeons and hunted for close to a quarter of a century and, like them, considers this sport an excellent form of recreation and enjoyment.

We still stand by our statement in criticizing the County for spending \$125,000 on skeet shooting equipment, as we criticize many of the other programs the County has embarked upon, not because of the program itself, but because somewhere along the way our elected officials seem to have gotten their priorities mixed up. We may be living in another age, but we feel it is more important for the community as a whole to be able to maintain a roof over their heads and food on the table comfortably than it is for them to provide the luxuries of life for themselves. We know of too many people who have been forced into positions of selling their homes and moving out of this area because they could no longer afford the tax burden. Golf courses, sleep-away camps, hunting lodges, shooting preserves, marinas and cultural activities are nice. They are the luxuries of life that we all strive for. It is our feeling that they are the things we should provide for ourselves on an individual basis out of our excess funds. If the demand for these recreational pursuits is there, private enterprise will fulfill the needs at a competitive price. If the demand is not there, it doesn't make sense for our County Government to create these luxuries, with our tax dollars, that only a limited number of people will partake of.

The facilities the County can create are limitless, as there is always somebody who wants to do something different. At one time the Parks Department limited its scope to creating picnic groves that masses of

people could use. The Parks Department, under Charles Dominy's direction, has become the third largest Department of Suffolk County, following after Welfare and Police. Anybody who has been in the service has an understanding of the way that government and bureaucracy works. The more jobs you can create for your department, the more people you can employ; the larger the budget, the more power the head of this department or branch has. It is obvious to us that this is what Dominy has done. The cost is staggering. This year, Suffolk County budgeted \$3,640,570 just for operations alone. This does not include capital expenditures; that is, long term financing that our children's children will be paying for, such as the skeet range that we criticized.

We believe that each of us as individuals has to realign our priorities and determine exactly what we are willing to do for ourselves and how far we want to go in allowing our government to do for us. This message must be brought across to our elected officials loud and clear. And why not?

Do-It-Yourself Food

We are living in a time of specialization and convenience. This method of life has added tremendous cost to our everyday expenses of just living. Food is a typical example. Our supermarket shelves are loaded with convenience foods; foods that have previously been prepared, cooked and seasoned, and the only thing we have to do is heat and serve. The cost of this convenience is staggering, rising the price of the meal, in some cases, by as much as five hundred per cent..

How far we have come from the day when we planted, tended and harvested our own crops. Of course our mode of life does not permit us to go back to the family farm, and most of us, if given the opportunity, would reject it wholeheartedly.

There is a way the average family can harness their spiraling food costs. The homemaker or the cook of the house can avoid buying prepared foods, whenever feasible, and do the preparation themselves. We read a study recently which indicated that the average family can save over twenty per cent by following this simple step. We're not talking about making our own bread, but avoiding buying packages of frozen vegetables


that combine items like peas and onions in a cream sauce, just for an example.

The second way the entire family can participate in bringing food costs down and at the same time re-experience some earthiness is to plan and plant a home garden. It need not be large. A ten foot by 20 foot area is plenty adequate enough, and a small plot of land like this can provide an enormous amount of foodstuffs to feed a family for a good part of the year at a fraction of the cost you would pay at a supermarket. A small garden requires only a few hours of tender loving care a week and can be an enriching experience for every member of the family. There is a certain joy to be derived from turning over the dirt in the spring that you will never get out of a package. Planting rows of seeds and watching them emerge from the earth blooming forth with bountiful produce is a reward that out-compensates a raise in pay. Knowing, seeing, feeling and touching and yes, eventually eating something that you have created from scratch is a great feeling. A small garden like this will not only yield the necessary produce during the growing season to meet your demands, but the abundance of your crop can be canned or frozen to be enjoyed during the winter months.

As a boy I remember during World War II that almost every family had a home garden. This was part of the war effort, and it was almost considered unpatriotic not to have one. Today it is an exception instead of a rule.

We recommend to all our readers that they go back to the earth and cut their food budgets substantially. And why not?

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Old-timers have stated that they have watched the dunes come and go over the years. One old-timer who is rapidly approaching the century mark in age tells a story that when he was a boy, his father said the dunes in between the ocean and the mainland in the area of Shinnecock Bay were not there. Nothing was there but a sand-bar. After some of the big blows, the dunes started to build and at one time, to use his phraseology, were as high as small hills.

A quarter of a billion dollars is a lot of money to spend on a dubious product. It may only amount to nickels and dimes to each of us, but we would prefer to spend our nickels and dimes on something worthwhile from which we will derive some direct benefit. And why not?

letters

\$125,000 garbage?

Dear Mr. Willmott:
My guess is that we are paying for and investing in a clean and healthy way to spend our spare time. If more kids were taught and guided toward healthy activities such as the one in question, the \$125,000. could be increased ten fold with the money now spent in the courts and county jail.
The next time you tout something as "garbage", look before you leap. An ounce of shot is worth a pound of cure.
Thank you for hearing me out.
Fred Siefertal
E. Setauket

Dear Editor:
The derogatory venom in your Feb. 26, 1973 editorial captioned "\$125,000 Shot" disgusts and astounds me. I refer to the statement, "Just think ... the next time you get the urge to shoot, it won't have to be your wife and kids".

Your right to deplore the spending of tax money on any activity you dislike is unquestioned, but to infer that the devotees of a national and olympic recognized sport are inclined towards murder is viciously defamatory. Consider the following for perspective:

In separate incidences, my grandfather and my 22-year-old son were killed by hit and run drivers. Over 52,000 Americans were killed, over 2 million disabled, and over 15 million injured by automobiles in 1972 alone. Based on these facts I could and do consider the automobile to be a very dangerous weapon. One can even make a good case that it is the most dangerous weapon ever intrusted to the general public. Despite this, most of us ordinary people would consider it "sick" to suggest that "Sunday" pleasure motorists, or even racing drivers, might run down their families if we did not spend tax money on roads.

Why couldn't you just have admitted that you don't enjoy skeet shooting, and would rather see the money spent on whatever sport you do particularly favor?
Sincerely,
Donald W. Huszagh
Bayport

Editor's Note:
The derogatory venom that you detected in our editorial, "\$125,000 Shot", was a poor attempt at sarcasm directed not at the sport of shooting, but at Suffolk County's Park Commission.
For the record, we, ourselves, shoot and at one time could pull down twenty-four out of twenty-five in skeet. We think the sport is a healthy one and can

be very safe and sane form of relaxation. As we recall, when we first started shooting skeet it was with a \$6.95 hand trap, and our skeet range was the dunes up on Long Island Sound. In recent years we have shot skeet and clay pigeons from a foot-operated spring trap that retails for about \$100. We have also shot skeet dispensed by a skeet or trap house that we were told costs in the neighborhood of about \$3,000 to construct and equip. On a few occasions we have gone on a bird walk at private country clubs and shot skeet. These were more elaborate and considerably more expensive. They are paid for by the club members voluntarily out of their dues and donations to the club. These funds come from their excess money or their luxury money and are not taken out of their food and housing budgets. This was the point that we obviously did not make in our editorial, and we apologize for that fact only.

The Suffolk County Park Commission, in their zeal to turn Suffolk County into a mammoth country club at the taxpayer's expense, is taking from many individuals money that rightfully belongs in their necessity budgets. For those of us who like to shoot skeet, we will be doing so at the expense of those who like to eat. We have always been a firm believer that government's role in society is to provide only the services that the individual cannot provide himself. The Park Commission, with their elaborate plans, is in direct contradiction to this. Somewhere along the way we have to realign our priorities so that those who are barely able to get by have enough left over for the necessities of life before we start using our taxes on luxuries such as this \$125,000 in skeet shooting equipment.

Keep clipping coupons, folks

Gentlemen:
The Social Action Committee of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Council is conducting a trading stamp and Ivory Flakes coupon drive. The stamps and coupons will be redeemed for needed baby layette and furniture for mothers who are aided by Long Island Birthright, a non-sectarian volunteer organization which offers a positive alternative to abortion. Stamps and coupons may be sent to the Social Action Committee, 21 Chestnut Street, Centereach, New York.

Your cooperation in publicizing the efforts of our Committee's work for the next month will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goal.
Very truly yours,
Joseph F. Talluto
Chairman, Social Action Committee
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Council
Centereach

Dear Mr. Willmott:
You will probably recall we wrote you several times on the subject of Betty Crocker coupons towards pediatric stretchers for the St. Charles-Mather Hospital Expansion Program and you were kind enough to give us excellent publicity. We wonder if you could give us a bit more?

Betty Crocker Coupon Project Pediatric Stretchers has now been successfully concluded and two checks, each in the amount of \$400.00, have been forwarded to the Administrators of both hospitals in payment of the two pediatric stretchers we authorized them to order.

Supported by all Brookhaven Senior Citizens and with the approbation of the Brookhaven Recreation Department, as well as members of churches in Setauket, Stony Brook, Port Jefferson, Lake Grove, St. James and Sayville-the Emma S. Clark Library, Setauket; Teachers' Association, State University at Stony Brook; Middle Island Jr. Women's League; Home Extension Institute, Wading River; Rotarians, Stony Brook; Girl and Boy Scout troops from various localities, the readers of our fine Suffolk newspapers and many other people and organizations too numerous to mention here, your senior citizens not only reached their goal of \$100,000 coupons but nicely over-reached it. Incidentally, the surplus coupons are being passed on to another Senior Citizen's club towards a project

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At It Again

The Corps of Army Engineers has resurrected its hurricane protection plan for Suffolk County's south shore. The cost of this plan over a decade ago was pegged at a little under 100 million dollars. The cost today could conceivably be one quarter of a billion dollars. The essence of the Corps' plan is to play Mother Nature; to build up the dunes by dredging out the bays and sticking groins out into the ocean to stop Mother Nature's lateral flow. The only problem with the Corps' plan is that the men running the Corps are not as smart as Mother Nature; whenever they attempt to fool around with her and change her ways she outsmarts them and like a woman, once angered, sends her fury in another direction causing even more devastation than the Corps tried to prevent.

What is behind the Corps' plan is the protection of the homes that have been built on the ocean front. The people who have built these homes should have done so knowing the risk.

Don't Have to Accept

The regular political committees have nominated candidates to run for local offices in this coming November's election. These are only the choices of the town leader and his committeemen. The members of the respective parties do not have to accept these nominees as their official candidates. Our political system is set up in such a way that if the members of the party do not agree with the selection of the committee, they can run their candidates for office in the primaries, to be held June 4th.

In looking over the selections made by the committees, we believe it would be wise for the registered voters to reject some of the committees' findings. Some of the candidates who have been nominated are total incompetents, who, most assuredly, will be defeated by the voters at large in this November's general election. How, in good conscience, the committees could accept these nominees is beyond the realm of reality. On the other hand, some candidates are excellent selections; and if they run a halfway decent campaign, gaining the exposure they need, they will be successful in November.

The primaries in the past have been neglected by most voters, and yet they are the most fundamental, basic grass-roots form of democracy that a voter can exercise. During the primaries, the members of the parties are given the opportunity to not only pass judgement on candidates, but on the performance of the town leader and his committeemen. If you are registered in any political party and you do not know who the committeemen are from your district, and they have not been in touch with you, they are not worthy of the office they hold. They should be replaced.

If you have any inclination at all toward becoming involved in your party in the overall workings of government, we strongly urge you to consider running for committeeman yourself, and if not running yourself, working for someone who will give your party adequate representation. For information on how to go about becoming a committeeman, write to the Suffolk County Board of Elections, Yaphank, New York, 11980, and they will furnish you with the details. And why not?

Blue Hearing

State Senator Bernard C. Smith (Northport) hosted a public hearing last Wednesday on the Blue Laws. The meeting was attended by business people and other interested Suffolk Residents. Most of the arguments, both pro and con, were based on emotionalism; but three facts came out of the hearing. First, if the Blue Laws are totally repealed and most stores are forced to be open seven days a week, these businesses will find that their overhead has gone up, and this additional cost will be passed on to the consumer. Second, many small businesses must be open on Sunday in order to survive economically, as Sunday is their biggest day of business. The third and the most important, and yet probably overlooked fact, is that if the State rewrites its Blue Laws to mandatorily require closing on Sunday with disregard to the religious connotations, they are entering into another area of regulating an individual's rights. This is a dangerous precedent, as it erodes another right of the individual and the corporation; the right to choose when he will or will not work.

Suffolk Life is not overly in favor of seeing stores open seven days a week, as this imposes hardships on many small, independent businessmen, their employees and their families. In the long run it must increase the cost of goods that the consumer will buy. On the other hand there are many small, independent businessmen who must be open on Sunday in order to financially justify staying in business. Aquarium dealers, pet stores, hardware businesses and some food businesses depend strongly on Sunday operations. To complicate matters even further, many independent businesses in our resort communities here on the East End do a good portion of their annual business during the thirteen Sundays of the summer months. This is when people are in their market and want to buy their merchandise. They cannot physically handle the volume of business on Saturdays.

We believe the most important aspect of this argument is that of the individual having the right to choose when he will be open and when he will close. The fewer restrictions the government imposes on an individual or a business, the better off it is. And why not?

What Price Government?

Last week, the Daily News carried an article based on a release from A Tax Foundation, Incorporated, which shows that the average American works the first two hours and thirty-nine minutes of each working day just to pay his tax burden. The next time you see the government providing a new service, remember that you will be working a little bit more each day to pay for it.


It's a sad fact of life, but the only Santa Claus there is in government is you. And why not?

The Better Way

Two encouraging notes on the environmental and economic front were made public this past week. Scientists are closing the gap on developing a substitute for gasoline to run automobiles. They are talking of using hydrogen and the gases that are emitted from it. This process, once refined, is being touted as far more economical than gasoline, and its emission is pollution free.

In the current issue of Readers Digest we find that our own Grumman Corporation is working on an idea that Suffolk Life has been pushing for the last two years ... the development of a self-contained power, heat, water, sewage disposal, and air system. It is our feeling and contention that this type of system is well within the realm and possibility of being developed

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and would be an economical answer to using our present day methods of supplying heat, electricity, and water to the home. A big bonus of this, if Grumman is successful in developing such a system, would be that this Company, upon which so much of our economy is dependent, could be taken out of the air defense business and put into the consumer field.

Not all news this past week was bad. And why not?

letters

That \$125,000 shot heard

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Your recent criticism of Suffolk County's intention to construct a trap and skeet range at South Haven Park at a cost of \$125,000 to the taxpayer is both unfair and unjustified.

First of all the county and the state think nothing of spending the taxpayers' money to construct golf courses, race tracks, unwanted bridges, and swimming pools, and to say nothing of low income housing and huge shopping malls like the one up in Albany without first obtaining voter approval. Secondly: The sportsmen of this state and this county have done more than their share in both physical and financial aid toward protecting and preserving the wildlife and its habitat throughout this nation. Thirdly: We have lost our shooting ranges here in Suffolk County through zoning changes so more houses could be built to accommodate the exodus of people out of the city.

Now \$125,000 is a mere drop in the bucket compared to what this county has in assets, and undoubtedly this facility will charge an admission fee which will pay for maintenance and to pay the mortgage debt to the county. There are a lot of gun owners here in Suffolk County and we are all tax payers as well, now for this form of government to collect taxes from everybody and only fulfill the wishes of a few amounts to favoritism and is not in the best interest of a Democracy.

No, Mr. Willmott, this money won't be squandered on what you call garbage. It will provide a recreational facility for a large group of its citizens who have more than paid their dues to society. The records are there to prove it.

Very truly yours,
Frank H. Hubert
Bohemia

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Subject: \$125,000 Skeet & Trap Shoot.

I am in complete accord with your objections to such programs on the part of all political subdivisions, whether they be Village, Town, County, State or Nation!

The tax burden which is being placed on the wage earner, by reason of such luxury items plus many other public projects which are wasteful of public monies.

As you know, man by nature is both physically and mentally lazy unless he wants something for himself; is in my opinion and 70 years experience; he will not take a pen in hand and/or attend a board meeting to make his views heard in opposition to such unwise expenditures.

That is the reason you received so many more pros than cons in answer to your editorial.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,
Herman Von Frank
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Dear Mr. Willmott:

Your editorial "\$125,000 Shot", on the County's purchase of trap and skeet shooting equipment (you refer to it as "garbage") for the South Haven County Park range demands an answer. Perhaps you should have done a bit of homework before writing it. (I'm sure many East End gun club members will agree!).

The purpose of the County Parks system is to provide a wide variety of recreational facilities for all Suffolk County residents. There are very few places in the county to accommodate the people who enjoy trap and skeet shooting - and there are lots of people who do enjoy it!

To extend your argument against providing these facilities to trap-shooting enthusiasts, why not go all the way, and protest the various County golf courses, and park areas that provide horseback riding, duck hunting (in season), camping, boating, swimming, fishing, etc...etc...because each of these sports and-or hobbies appeals only to a certain number of County residents!

People who use the trap and skeet range, Mr. Willmott, pay for the use of it, as well as any supplies they use, just as fees are paid for many other recreational facilities provided by the Suffolk County Parks Department. This is not a "give-away" program for the privileged few, but is open to any Suffolk County resident who cares to pay to avail himself of it.

Instead of carping about extravagance, why not say something nice about the fact that Suffolk County's growing Parks system not only preserves our shrinking open spaces, but provides taxpayers with recreational opportunities close to home which appeal to many tastes and interests? AND WHY NOT???

Very truly yours,
Mrs. William H. Stoddard
Hampton Bays

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As a member of the growing shooting society and a person who usually agrees with your editorials, I must take exception to your criticism of the Southaven skeet and trap range. To label it garbage is certainly not fair to the people who would have use for it.

With all due respect to you, I feel you are laboring under a great misapprehension as to how recreational tax funds should be used. I do not object when the county elects to spend larger sums of money to build golf courses that only a small segment of the community will use. Nor do I object to money spent on campgrounds for another small group. When tennis courts for tennis players are built, I raise no objection even knowing that the majority of taxpayers will not play on them.

I could go on in this vein, however, my point is that for the first time in Eastern Suffolk the community is doing something for those who enjoy target shooting, but you object.

With this facility at Southaven, adults and their sons and daughters could have a place to shoot for some time to come. Moreover public shooting ranges operate on a paying basis as compared to the aforementioned facilities.

I surely hope you jest when you suggest, quote, "have an urge to shoot, it won't have to be your wife or kids." I personally never have these urges and

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feel it is in poor taste for you to suggest that some of us do.

In conclusion Mr. Willmott, it is not possible for every tax dollar used for recreational purposes to benefit everyone at the same time in the same place. But by having varied facilities for the many interests of the community we come close to satisfying most of the taxpayers. I do not plan to use Southaven's ranges but I wish those that do, good luck and good shooting.

Respectfully yours,
Robert T. Ditters
Sag Harbor

Dear Mr. Willmott:

\$125,000 Shot! That is the title of your recent editorial regarding The Southaven Park Trap and Skeet facility. With a few substitutions (\$ down the hole) or (\$ carried away with the tide). The editorial could have been about the Suffolk County Golf Course in West Sayville or any of the various township marinas all built and maintained by tax dollars. Oh, don't tell me that user fees help defray the cost. The same is true for the Skeet facility that I would estimate conservatively brings in \$1000 (user fees) on one Sunday.

Count the cars, on a Sunday, at the golf course (what would you estimate that cost to taxpayers?) Then count the cars at the skeet range. There are more cars at the skeet range.

You said you can only guess the skeet range was demanded by thousands of Suffolk County residents. That's a pretty good guess and much to the dismay of many anti-gun bandwagon politicians and pseudo-intellectuals, the shooting sports have been rapidly gaining in popularity throughout the country.

It's difficult to say where government should draw the line in administering to "so called" recreational needs of the public. A cross section of the public's recreational interests covers a broad spectrum and taxes are already high enough. Everyone knows that private enterprise can operate more efficiently than governmental bureaucracy, but that skeet range is run efficiently with a capital E. Stop by some day, Mr. Willmott, and ask for Mr. Griffing. He will be glad to show you around and if you remain objective, you could discover a sport that you can enjoy into old age.

Sincerely,
J.J. Mills
Port Jefferson Station.

Shameful Waste

This past Sunday, we took a ride through the abandoned Westhampton Air Force Base. We use the term "abandoned" literally. The Air National Guard is using one small section, a commercial operation is using another small section and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is using another building. The rest of the buildings, which we estimate at well over one hundred, are rapidly deteriorating and are serving no functional purpose.

As we rode through the various streets, we could envision hundreds of small independent businesses operating out of these buildings-small manufacturing and light industrial enterprises. We could see thousands of people working at gainful employment in these shops. We could see a County Government that gave a damn, providing these buildings on a low cost, long term lease to small companies as a way of getting started. Instead we saw rusty hinges, shuttered windows and buildings decaying from neglect.

Suffolk County Airport could be a gold mine to the residents of the area. It could be an instant industrial park offering instant opportunity and employment. We do not know why this area has been allowed to go unused other than the incompetent capabilities of our County Legislature in not taking advantage of the opportunities placed under their noses.

Someday, and maybe this coming November, the voters will reject these men now running the County who don't seem to care, and replace them with people who have the public's interest at heart. We hope so. And why not?

Ahoy

All Fishermen

A dark storm cloud is on the horizon. The Assembly Rules Committee is about to suggest a bill that will make it mandatory for salt water fishermen to be licensed. Supposedly, the fees generated by this licensing measure will be used for conservation purposes. We doubt it very much.

Salt water fishing is one of the very few things that an individual can do for recreation that is not overly regulated and taxed. The Rules Committee has suggested an initial salt water licensing fee of \$1.25 per person. What this fee will be next year or in the years to come, no one knows; but just recently the fresh water fishing license was raised by one dollar and is now \$4.25 for a resident of New York State. There are much higher licensing fees for commercial fishermen.

From where we stand, and the way we look at this bill, it will do absolutely no good for the average person. It will only provide another measure by which you will be taxed and regulated, which is what a licensing fee is for. The creation of a salt water license will provide more jobs for political loyalists who will have the express purpose of harrasing you, the individual. There are serious side implications in that a good portion of Long Island's tourist economy is based on the availability of free salt water fishing. When residents and non-residents alike are subject to harassment, the sport becomes less attractive. The end result will be, of course, that fewer people will fish, and our economy will suffer.

We strongly urge everyone, man, woman and child, who is interested in this sport, to write to Assemblyman Perry Duryea (First Assembly District), Assemblyman Peter Costigan (Second Assembly District), Assemblyman Bill Bianchi (Third Assembly District) and State Senator Leon Giuffreda, requesting that if this bill comes up for vote that it be turned down. The address is Albany, New York. And why not?

Peconic County,


We Need You

There is no question where County Executive John Klein stands on the issue of Peconic County. He's agin it. He sees a unified Suffolk County as a strong governmental and political base. To him this is far more important that the right of self-determination for the people of the East End of Long Island. He is entitled to his opinion, and at least with him you know where you stand.

We also should become fully aware of his plans for the East End. This past week he announced that he was planning on building central offices for the Suffolk County Police Department at Yaphank. His decision to do this is partially based on the fact that he hopes some day to see the Suffolk County Police Department replace the five eastern towns' local police departments, a major step in the westernization of Eastern Long Island.

Those of us who choose to live here in the eastern portion of Long Island do so because we enjoy the quality of life afforded us. We reject urbanization and the regulations that are part of it. We wish to be set apart from Suffolk County for the simple reason that we know we can control our own destiny better than the absentee ownership from the West End.

Politicians such as Mr. Klein and Assemblyman Duryea have done everything they could, both openly and through the back rooms, to stop the creation of this separate and independent county of the five eastern towns and possibly a portion of Brookhaven. It has been said that they feel a divided county will not give them the political strength that they need as a stepping-stone to higher office. This may be true, but it is of little concern to the average resident of the East End. What he is concerned about is his right to preserve the quality of life that keeps him a resident of this area. This right is far more important than the selfish interests of the politician who is looking to get ahead. And why not?



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