



Happy Mother's Day

Almost every day of the year is used to commemorate something or other. We think that the custom of honoring our mothers is one of the best. No one deserves to have a day set aside in their honor more than mothers. No one works harder to earn this recognition.

Motherhood is a three-hundred and sixth-five day a year job. The working day is twenty-four hours. There are no vacations, and the contract of employment is from birth to eternity. The basic pay is room and board. The fringe benefits are the love and appreciation which children too often thoughtlessly neglect. This is the reason for Mother's Day — a day when, in some small, special way, we can say, "Mom, we really do love you and appreciate all you have done for us."

This special way does not have to be in monetary things but in those little ways which mothers appreciate so much. That extra hug and kiss of appreciation and that extra offer to help with the millions of household chores can mean more to mothers than all the gifts that money can buy.

We hope that all of our readers will do something extra this year, to make their mothers' day, Sunday, May 11th, and all the days of the year, just a little bit brighter. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! And why not?

Erosion Control Abandoned

The Suffolk County Board of Supervisors last week washed their hands of any further commitment of county funds to stabilize the dunes and shore front along the south shore. We received this news with mixed emotions.

On the one hand, we are pleased to see that the Suffolk County taxpayers will no longer be paying taxes for the benefit of a selected few. Under the old system, the county was shoring up the dunes, that the public had no access to, with public funds. We felt that this was wrong. We argued that the public should have right-of-way to the beaches if they were going to pay to keep the beaches in repair. The property owners in the affected areas did not want public access to the beaches and were able to persuade the county to pour the taxpayers' money into jetty construction. The jetties protected the areas in their

immediate vicinity but other problems were created as the areas west of the jetties eroded away.

Now that tax monies are no longer available for these projects it has been suggested that the land owners, in the area in need of restoration work, form a special-use district. The property owners in this district would be taxed to pay for the necessary work. The special-use district tax would be high but could be spread over an extended period, and it would be far less than the cost of restoring property and rebuilding a home washed away in a storm. Most homes along Dune Road cannot get insurance for this purpose; therefore, the special-use tax method of paying for jetties could be considered a form of insurance.

We think the county board acted in good faith, and now it is up to the individuals who own property along the ocean front to pick up the ball and create special-use tax districts to protect their investment. We hope, for their sake, that they don't waste any more time. And why not?

Planning, The Key

A recent symposium, held at Southampton College, indicated that the future of eastern Long Island lies in the planning that will be done now. We couldn't agree more except for one fact — the towns can all have beautiful master plans, but under the reapportioned county, with its overriding power, all this planning will be for naught. The future of the east-end will be settled in the back rooms of the west end politicians. They will decide what will happen, when it will happen and how it will happen. The eastenders will be helpless bystanders in the rape of eastern Suffolk come next January 1st.

Eastenders, enjoy this area while you can. And why not?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Mastic, Moriches, Shirley Democratic Club, to voice its disappointment in your paper for not showing up at its Installation of Officers Affair on March 29, 1969.

We advised your paper of said event, believing that you would have a representative present, but no one ever showed up.

The Club feels and appreciates the fact that you have many events to cover, some with great more importance than ours, but they were still slighted by the fact that you ignored us.

Thanking you for your attention, I am,

Very truly yours,
Adele Pawlowski
Mastic, Moriches, Shirley
Democratic Club

Editor's Note:

We have four staff photographers working on weekends. We attempt to cover as many affairs as physically possible. Sorry we missed yours. We'll try to cover your next affair.

Dear Dave,

I would like to take issue with you on your editorial: "\$3,800 Baby Sitter." I fully agree with you on your "theory" yet I suggest you canvass babysitters (many advertise in

"Suffolk Life") and ask them what the "going price" of a babysitter is these days. Almost 1/3 of my weekly income is paid to my babysitter. And she is asking much less than most. I also supply my little boys' "hot" lunch, usually soup, desert, fruit and any "treats" I feel he may have. I deliver and pick - up. Naturally this is quite a drain on my finances but I manage to pay my rent, my utilities, my heat, grocery and car expenses. Also clothing, medical, insurance, and little "extras" that always manage to destroy my small but "happy" budget.

I am not highly educated, although I have my Equivalency Diploma from the State of New York. And sometimes I really feel down in the dumps about leaving the baby to go to work. I reap so many benefits from all of this though. My son loves me, and definitely needs me. I'd certainly feel awfully bad if he grew up thinking his mother was too weak and selfish to go out and earn a living. As a mother I am really happy to know that my little one doesn't need the State, the County, or the Town Taxpayers' money. I want him to have ideals in his formative years that will guide him to being a good citizen and self sufficient man. Again, I say it's hard, but again I also say emphatically — my self - respect, and the genuine love I know he feels for me is worth every minute of the hours he's with his babysitter, and my earnings.

Sincerely and please, please
keep up the Crusade against
crime — And isn't it one?
Kathy Wolfe
Riverhead

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I read with interest your editorial of April 16 on tenure for
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Something Must Be Done

Last Friday evening, as we tried to enter Montauk Highway from our plant in Westhampton, we could not help but notice the tremendous increase in traffic. Of course, this was due to the surge of weekend cars which promises to get much worse as the summer season approaches. As we proceeded down Montauk Highway, we were cut off twice and almost forced into a highway stanchion. Impatient drivers passed us on the right. Speed laws were flagrantly violated. In talking to others, we find that the highway situation is deplorable already. We are sure that the blame is not always on the out-of-area residents, but the crush imposed by their ever-growing numbers is responsible for much of this reckless driving.

It is not enough to holler for our town and state police to do a better job of enforcing the laws. During the year they do an excellent job. In the Spring and Summer months they do put out an extra effort, but this is also the time of the year when their duties increase and they have less time to patrol the highways, call safety checks and set up radar traps.

It is very apparent that we need more police on the road during these heavy traffic periods. The state police force remains fairly constant year-round; the town forces are augmented by some Summer help but this is used mostly in the beach areas and in Main Street traffic control. The need is for more officers and police cars to be on the road where and when the violations are taking place.

For the towns to undertake a doubling or tripling of their forces even, during these peak months, is obviously unrealistic cost-wise. There is, however, one untapped source of manpower and vehicles that might well be utilized during the weekend peak traffic periods and that is the Sheriff's Department.

As we have advocated, on many occasions, there is an urgent need for more efficient use of the taxpayers' money. We would urge our officials to explore the possibility of using the Sheriff's Deputies during these critical traffic periods. Many taxpayers have wondered why there is a need for so many Sheriff's cars on the road and why these cars are allowed to go home with the Deputies. We would hate to see the taxpayers' revolt focus on any one of our law enforcement agencies. We need dedicated officers who are confident of the public trust.

Suffolk Life feels that the problem of Summer

traffic control presents an ideal opportunity for our county officials to show the taxpayers how sincere they are about giving us our money's worth. Let us hope that they act on this matter at their next board meeting. All early indications are that we may have a bloody Summer of record accidents, injuries and violations unless something is done. Something must be done — and soon! And why not?

Warning Signs

Most school budgets here on Eastern Long Island were passed this past week. Outwardly, the taxpayers' rebellion did not materialize to cause resounding defeats. By and large the school boards seemed to cut the budgets quite close and this, coupled with some careful figure jockeying, seemed to keep the budgets down for this year. It is also true that most people, whether they have children or not, are reluctant to take out their wrath on the schools unless they are convinced that the boards are not giving them the true picture or are wasting money on frills.

Looking over the results of the vote tallies it appears that about one-third of the voters are dissatisfied. When you compare this with the fact that in past years there has only been token opposition to school budgets, it should be fairly evident to all that this is going to be a year of extreme caution when it comes to spending a dollar.

The taxpayers will settle for the necessities of economical education but will not tolerate, under any circumstances, those expenditures for frills which will increase their tax levies to any great degree. In twenty-six school districts of Suffolk County the budgets were voted down. That IS significant.

Our town and county officials would do well to take a page out of the book of this Spring's school budget results and read between the lines. If they can't come in with budgets that reflect the taxpayers' abilities to pay them they are going to go down to defeat in this year's elections. And why not?

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Two Minutes

Recently we were driving down Dune Road on one of those rare Spring days when all of nature's forces seemed to conspire to make us wish we could forget our daily tasks and just go fishing. The temperature was warm, the sky clear and blue, and the tremendous variety of birdlife and waterfowl was going about its business gathering food and building nests. We experienced a tremendous feeling of elation as we observed the preparation for rebirth that nature was unfolding before us so unhurriedly yet determinedly. All was in harmony. God's love, if you will, was all about us, and we were strengthened by it.

Turning on the car radio we were immediately assailed with reports of more campus rioting, ethically questionable practices in high places, starving babies in Biafra, casualty statistics in Viet Nam, communist China's nuclear capability plus a variety of other gloomy items.

Being suddenly struck with the huge contrast between this poor old world, beset with problems, that IS and the world that COULD BE if mankind would only tune in to God's love, we recalled the words of an old holy man in India that we had read, years ago. We pass them along to you for your consideration. He said that mankind's problems could disappear in a matter of weeks if people everywhere would just practice one simple two minute exercise every day. At least once a day every person should retire to a private place for two minutes — no more, no less. During the first minute every person, with eyes closed, should concentrate on the word LOVE written in letters of white hot fire. If other thoughts or bad feelings should intrude on this mental picture we should visualize the intrusions being consumed by these blazing white hot letters just as a moth is consumed by the candle flame. At the end of one minute STOP. During the second minute we should visualize ourselves doing a specific good deed to a specific person or persons. In our mind's eye this deed should be performed in detail and our motive for doing it should be completely unselfish. In other words, it should be an act of love. At the end of two minutes forget the exercise and just go about your business. Think no more about it until the next day when the exercise should be repeated.

Now we are not going to make any judgments of this rather unusual advice as to how to solve the

world's problems except to observe one thing. All of the world's great philosophers have disagreed on many things, but on ONE THING they have all AGREED and that is that men become what they think about; men ARE what their thoughts make of them. Could it be that this old man, in a flash of revelation, had hit upon a way for men of goodwill to tap the forces that would make it possible for mankind to live in peace and harmony?

Well, a tired and frustrated world might well heed the advice of this holy man; it certainly seems that all else has failed. We must confess that deep down inside his message strikes a very responsive chord. If it strikes a chord in you, try it and send the idea along to a friend. Who knows, maybe you can start a movement — a movement that might lead to world peace. And why not?

Get 'em out !

This publication, for one, has just about had it with the law breakers on our campuses. No school should be a sanctuary from the responsibility of obeying the law or of practicing good citizenship. No administrator, no faculty member, no student should be given any more protection in school or on campus than he would outside on the street.

Most of us hold our schools and universities in high regard due to the function that they perform in our society. We entrust our young to them to educate, not only for a profession or career, but to develop and broaden their minds so that they may better cope with the world's problems.

When students are denied the right to pursue their education without interruption; when they observe that disrespect for law and authority can go unpunished, thus becoming a way of life, then we wonder what purposes these schools are serving. Schools, of all places, must insist that law and order be upheld. They must teach students to think and to work for

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change, if needed, but to work within the democratic system through which changes can be effected.

Closing the schools is not the answer. This only denies the vast majority of students, who do want an education, the right to it. Placing police throughout the campuses will not produce the desired results. That will only create a resented "police state" on campus. The only sound and logical thing to do is to rid the campuses permanently of these troublemakers who are there to cause revolution, and this means both students AND faculty.

Schools must have strong rules and regulations, and they must insist that these rules be adhered to firmly. Force must be met with force. Expulsion can be the only reward for advocating anarchy or taking part in campus disruptions.

This is the least that those, who pay for the existence of our colleges and universities, can ask for. College is for educating those who seek to broaden their minds — not for breeding mini - revolutions. And why not?

WELCOME HOME RICHARD McCARRICK

Richard McCarrick, who spent about 14 months in Viet Nam, came home April 26th to his parents' home in Rocky Point. A surprise party prepared by his friends and relatives was given him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarrick, who operate McCarrick's Dairy in Rocky Point.



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The brothers and sisters of Richard McCarrick, Brigit, Mary, Gerard, Thomas, Hugh (Richard), and Kevin.



**Willmott's
and Why-Not**

BY DAVID J. WILLMOTT, Editor

Memorial Day

This Memorial Day 1969 probably means more to us than most have in the past few years. This year there is hardly anyone who doesn't know someone personally who has been either killed or maimed in Viet Nam. Memorial Day, in the past few years, has been a day we set aside to remember those who gave their lives to preserve freedom for all of us. We remembered the principles, but, to many of us, the war or wars were hazy recollections.

There appears to be no end in sight for communist aggression or the Viet Nam war as long as we continue to do battle under present conditions. It appears that our leaders have eased up their efforts to win this war. They seem to be more concerned with world opinion and avoiding stepping on diplomatic toes than they are in sending more men to their deaths every day.

Last week we were disgusted to read that we had begun bombing targets with 15,000 pound bombs for the first time. In some quarters we were taken to task for not having used these more destructive bombs from the beginning. Why haven't we been using everything we have in order to bring this war to an end? How can our government and military leaders not use every means at hand to end the war?

We sit back here at home, as loyal Americans, and try to understand what is going on. We rarely question what is going on and have blind faith in the people to whom we have entrusted the running of our military operations.

We think we should still have faith but should demand that our leaders use everything they have in order to bring this war to a close. If we don't do this, then we should get out of Viet Nam — and the sooner the better. This fighting a war with one hand tied behind our backs borders on barbaric insanity. How we were duped into fighting a war under the present ground rules we will never understand. Not one American life is worth all of the world opinion that might be leveled against us for standing up and fighting to win.

We think it would be wise, this Friday, for all of us to get down on our knees and pray to God that our leaders find the strength and wisdom to bring this war to an end. We cannot afford to have another Memorial Day come upon us with more friends and acquaintances added to the casualty lists. This war must be brought to a just and speedy conclusion NOW! This

country can never again afford to get itself into such a predicament as she has in this case. And why not?

Suffolk Life Named Nation's Best

One of the proudest moments this publisher has ever experienced occurred ten days ago in Buffalo, New York. At the Annual Awards luncheon, held during the convention of the National Association of Advertising Publishers, it was announced that Suffolk Life had been awarded top honors in General Excellence for newspapers of over 10,000 circulation in the United States and Canada. In judging the category of General Excellence the front page, editorial page and content, layout, design, type choices, art, copywriting, photography, printing and all other factors related to publishing are given careful scrutiny. The fact that we were able to come out on top, with hundreds of other fine publications in the running, was a significant milestone in our history.

Searching for a reason that would justify this most distinctive honor, in our own mind, we came up with the most basic answer of all — people, the people who work here at Suffolk Life and their burning desire to produce the best publication they know how. We have watched, with pride, the pains they have gone to in order to make every operation as perfect as possible and their dedication to the people we serve — our advertisers and readers.

Suffolk Life is the result of a tremendous group effort. No one department operates independently of another. By newspaper standards we run a very simple and unorthodox operation. Everybody knows everyone else's job and pitches in to help out wherever he or she can. It is this spirit of co-operation, combined with the confidence and support that our advertisers have given us that has made it possible for us to produce the paper we do. The other, and most important, element in our success is YOU the readers of this paper. We are grateful for the

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