

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

One Tax

How would you like to pay only one tax? Eliminate all other taxes including the hidden taxes? One tax on everything for everybody with no exemptions or loopholes to sneak through? Sound like a dream? It isn't.

It is a stark reality elsewhere, but it may be too simple to work in a complicated bureaucracy. Most likely it's beyond the imagination of our governmental and political leaders.

Four years ago we first became aware of, and began looking into, a system of taxation that exists in many European countries. It is called the value-added tax. At first we feared that it might become a possibility here as it existed in Europe - just one of many forms of taxation that these Europeans were burdened with.

Closer scrutiny revealed that the value-added tax had a broader appeal than first glances indicated. Suppose this tax could replace all other taxes - local through federal, direct and hidden - it would be a God-send. In theory it looked great. What would the cost be?

In 1970 our gross national product was one trillion, forty billion, five-hundred million dollars. Our national income was eight-hundred forty-three billion, seven-hundred million dollars. These two combined add up to one trillion, eight hundred eighty-three billion, seven hundred million dollars as a base for a gross national tax. Our total tax liability from all sources was in the area of two hundred ninety billion dollars. Applying the proper math, you would come up with a gross national tax in the area of 14 percent against the gross national product and the national income.

Simply stated, a value-added tax is a glorified sales tax. A tax is levied on a product at each stage of development from raw material to its finished form for final consumption. If no one is exempted, and there are no loopholes, a 14 percent tax will actually leave a considerable overage that could be used to reduce the national debt.

A tax of this nature could be collected at the local level, and, under a prescribed formula, a certain percentage would be passed on to the state and federal government. In this way there would be no need for a repassing down the line of federal or state aid. Local communities would have money to spend in proportion to their sum total contributions to the gross national product.

We contend that the value-added tax would alleviate many of the bothersome problems that confront us today. It would reestablish a local area's right to govern and tax itself. It would diminish the power and interference of the federal and state government in our lives. Equally, if not even more important, taxation would cost the average person far less than all of the other taxes we are forced to live with at present. The biggest asset of the value-added concept is its simplicity. It will take a politician of great courage and imagination to propose such a radical departure from established procedures, but we hope that such a person exists somewhere out there in the void. And why not?

Wonderful People

Maybe it takes a week, like the one we just went through, to realize just how fantastic people can be. Our staff is comprised of many different types of personalities. Some are just out of school; others are already collecting their social security. Some are full-timers; others work only a day or two a week. They are all joined by their common desire to do the very best they can in bringing you a product that reflects both pride and professionalism.

With the advent of the WEEKENDER, the heads of various departments went into frantic days and sleepless nights, beginning around January 1st. It meant that their personal lives had to take back seat while the development of the WEEKENDER got under way. There were many nights when they met into the wee small hours of the morning trying to foresee problems and iron out minute details. Never once during this time was there so much as a complaint from anyone.

In March, our plans were revealed to the entire staff, and the news was greeted with great enthusiasm. Everyone knew that a lot more was going to be asked of them. Instead of looking at this new project with grim faces, they looked at it as a new challenge - one that would give them an opportunity to excel and challenge their imaginations.

As we said in last week's editorial, to put it mildly, things have been in a state of organized confusion, but it was one of the most beautiful confusions you have ever seen. People were


bustling around accomplishing things that others would have written off as impossible. From our Editorial Department, office personnel, art and production departments to our camera crew, printing and bindery people - everyone performed splendidly. The week did not go without its hitches, but they were mechanical hitches, not caused by human error.

We know it isn't in vogue to make a big display of emotion in complimenting one's personnel, but here at Suffolk Life we have one of the greatest groups of people there are. Everyone of them are a part of this paper, and for this, and all they went through, we want to say we love them all and "Thank you!" And why not?

Out of Order

The New York Telephone Company has gone from the sublime to the ridiculous. Last week a staff member of Suffolk Life was indeed surprised to find out that a toll call from Westhampton Beach to Hampton Bays cost a quarter instead of the usual fifteen cents. He was even more surprised to find that after a few minutes went by, that the operator asked him to signal when through, and upon doing just that, found Ma Bell wanted to extract another dime from him -- all for a short call a mere ten miles away. The man refused to pay the dime, and as a way to register his protest, demanded that they bill him at his home address, which a gracious operator agreed to do. What the telephone company is forcing an otherwise defenseless John-Paying-Thru-The-Nose Public to do is to resort to such un-natural retaliation as the only form of protest from an over-exploited taxpayer. The phone company has no competition -- it is a controlled monopoly which has each and every resident at its mercy. Well, the public is sick and tired of being used in such a reprehensible manner, and the new irrational toll costs simply cannot be tolerated. Instead of further

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CORAM
 Ladies Auxiliary of Coram Fire Dept., 5th Annual **SMORGASBORD Dinner**; at the Fire House; Adults \$2., children \$1.; May 7; 4-6 pm.

EAST MORICHES
 East Moriches United Methodist Church, "An Evening of **MUSIC**"; presented by Youth of Smithtown Methodist Church; at East Moriches Methodist Church; "People to People"; May 7; 7 pm.

ROCKY POINT
 Joseph A. Edgar P.T.A. sponsoring vision **TEST**; free pre-school for Amblyopia (lazy eye); at the school gym; May 4 & 5; 9:30 - 2 pm.

CENTER MORICHES
 Weight Watchers, Free Open **MEETING**; at Jewish Center, Main St., Center Moriches; guest speaker Elaine Schaefer, area co-director; May 3, 7:30 pm.

BROOKHAVEN
 Weight Watchers, Free Open **MEETING**; new group opening; at Brookhaven Hospital, 101 Hospital Rd., Brookhaven; May 3; 7:30 pm.

CENTER MORICHES
 Center Moriches Woman's Assoc., Spring **LUNCHEON**; at Presbyterian Church, Main St., Center Moriches; admission \$1.50; May 4; 11:30 - 1 pm.

BAY AREA
 Mastic, Moriches, Shirley Democratic Club, Installation **DINNER-DANCE**; cocktail hour and basket of cheer raffle; at Brookhaven Manor, Shirley; May 6; 7:30 - Till.

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burdening an already saturated cost-of-living budget, there must be other ways for New York Telephone to gain revenue, and we think it would be wise for Ma Bell to do a little soul searching. And why not?

This Week

PATCHOGUE
 Parents without Partners, Suffolk County Chapter 64, Meeting & **DANCE**; Knights of Columbus Hall, Railroad Ave. & Main St.; open to all single parents; admission, members \$1., prospective members \$2.; May 5; 9 - 2 am.

PT. JEFFERSON
 La Leche League of Pt. Jefferson, **MEETING**; first

meeting of series of four; "The Advantages of Breastfeeding"; home of Jane Nogaki, 14 Bunker St., Rocky Point, 744-1848; May 8; 8:30 pm.

SAG HARBOR
 Sag Harbor Conservationists, regular **MEETING**; at Sag Harbor Branch of First National Bank, Main St., East Hampton, downstairs lounge; come and bring a friend; May 10; 7:45 pm.

RIVERHEAD
 Wading River Senior Citizens, **MEETING**; Wading River Community Center, May 3; 7:30 pm.

RIVERHEAD
 Eastern Suffolk Cooperative Extension, Horsemen's **MEETING**; selecting a

horse, housing facilities and horse owner's responsibility; at Riverhead Jr. High School, Harrison Ave.; May 9; 8 pm.

PT. JEFFERSON
 Long Island Students for Environmental Concern, Recycling **DRIVE**; at E.L. Vandermeulen High School, Pt. Jefferson; bring glass bottles, aluminum cans and newspapers; May 5, 3:30 - 5 pm. and May 6, 10 - 2:30 pm.

ROCKY POINT
 Rocky Point Lions Club, 4th Annual Pancake **BREAKFAST**; at Joseph A. Edgar Elementary School cafeteria; Tickets \$1.25 adults, \$.75 children 8 years old and under; proceeds go to benefit Lions Youth Program; May 7; 7:30 - 1:30 pm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Congressman Pike:

Few sports can match the safety record and popularity of organized shooting. Due to NRA type range safety programs, accidents on shooting ranges are virtually non-existent.

I urge you to support H.R. 12342 which would strengthen the penalties in the Gun Control Act for committing a felony with a firearm.

There is no need to further restrict firearms, to require further licensing, or to prohibit private ownership of firearms. These measures would only curtail the activity of the sportsman and certainly not reduce crime.

To reduce crime committed with firearms, severely punish the criminal.

Very truly yours,
John Bellport
 Councilman
 Brookhaven

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I would like to thank Mrs. E.V. Myers of Jamesport for writing to Suffolk Life and calling attention to the "National Week of Concern for the Prisoners of War and Men Missing in Action in Southeast Asia." I would like to thank Mr. Willmott for printing this letter.

Too few people are aware of the suffering and torment of the prisoner of war families. Very few can imagine the torture, the loneliness, the starvation and the solitude the prisoners endure. Very little of the public has the facts of the situation.

There are over 1,700 prisoners of war and men missing in action. Hanoi has accounted for a little over 300 of these men. 1,400 men are missing in action, neither living nor dead. Countless numbers of wives have gone on 4, 5, 8 years not knowing if they are wives or widows. Hanoi does not abide by the Geneva Convention which it signed in 1949 and 1954. It's a deplorable situation!

Printing a letter about the prisoners of war in a well-read community newspaper helps remind the

public of the plight of the P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s. Public concern and awareness is needed to help save these men. We must not let the P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s be forgotten!

I hope you will print this letter and I hope you will continually remind your readers that there are fellow men in great suffering in P.O.W. camps. These men are counting on our aid and support. Remember a prisoner of war never has a nice day!

Sincerely,
Patricia Meister
 Pt. Jefferson
 (a close friend of a prisoner of war).

Dear Mr. Willmott:

I didn't really believe that people like Mr. Murphy still existed until I read his letter in Suffolk Life (April 5). I don't know Mr. Murphy personally, so I can't attack his character, nor will I regress to a child's level and call him names as he did to Mr. Minard. But I take offense at most of what he said, so I will try to enlighten him.

First of all, I must start with my qualifications. I was in the United States Marine Corps for 3 years, 12 months of which were spent in Viet Nam, so you can't tell me to put up or shut up, Mr. Murphy. Secondly, I feel I must remind Mr. Murphy that the Viet Nam war isn't quite the same kind of war that he was involved in 30 years ago. Neither are the economic and social conditions surrounding it the same as those surrounding WW II. In fact, the only similarity is that men, women, and children are dying in it by the thousands. This time, however, our country isn't even threatened by enemy forces. Therefore, I can't understand Mr. Murphy's misconception that American soldiers and servicemen are dying for their country. Their country is in no danger.

I'm really not as paranoid as Mr. Murphy is, that men who avoid the draft are in effect, going to "tear down and hand over..." this country to the Russians or Chinese. It must be awful to live in such total fear of another country or countries. I feel that the men who exile themselves or go to jail rather than fight

in a war that the majority of Americans no longer support are the real men. They have shown great courage by making this moral decision, and then showing that they are ready to accept whatever punishment our government feels applicable. Had we been fighting to defend our country, instead of fighting in support of a regime such as Mr. Thieu's (whose own war veterans protest against by burning themselves to death, who closes down newspapers and jails editors who disagree with government policies, who holds one-man elections), I am sure that more than enough men would be willing to pick up arms to fight; and there would be no draft resisters.

I detest this war also, Mr. Murphy, as much or more than Mr. Minard. Do you suggest I go to China or Russia to live too? Does living in America mean that one has to like killing, and useless bloodshed? Does it mean that one must never disagree with any of the policies of its governing bodies? Does it mean that one must hate any country or peoples that have different ideologies?

Well, go on hating, condoning killing, and agreeing with the people who run your life, Mr. Murphy, and when the U.S. has no more allies, and the people no longer have a voice in the government, I will once again pick up a gun and help you change things. But bear this in mind also. Had I known what the Viet Nam war really was in 1967, when I enlisted in the Marines, I would right now either be in Canada, or in jail.

Right on, Mr. Minard!
Gregory C. Steadman
 Marine Corps Viet Nam Veteran
 Mattituck

Dear Mr. Willmott:

My letter is concerned with the article, "On Mammals Slaughter" printed in your paper of April 12th; and written by an interested American.

First of all, let it be understood that I, too, am an interested American. I am not inhumane and I do not believe in the senseless murder of any animal.

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What's The Use

Wise Abe Lincoln has been credited with the statement "The least amount of government is the best government, and the government that is closest to the people works best for them." Unfortunately, his kind do not prevail in today's government. Instead, we see a rampant disregard for people and a steady erosion of the concept of home-rule.

For the last ten years, the eastern towns have been working frantically to plan for the future. They have used up numerous hours of their citizens' time and spent countless dollars of the taxpayers' money to engage so-called "professional" planning help. The East-Enders have done this in order to insure and maintain some sort of quality of life for themselves and for the future generations. They have seen what problems rapid, unplanned growth has caused in the west end. Knowing that growth must inevitably come, they have tried to insure that it will occur along planned, orderly lines.

In the past few years, it has become obvious that all of this planning is futile - not because it can't work on the local level, but because the state government is usurping the power of local government. For the past three years, the battle over the powers of the Urban Development Corporation has raged. In passing this bill, the State Assembly knowingly overruled and diminished the powers of local governments to determine their own destiny. This legislation permits the state to come into a local area and create projects that it feels the community needs, while totally disregarding local planning and zoning regulations. Two years ago, when we were interviewing the candidates for the State Assembly and Senate, we received conflicting opinions. Mr. Duryea stated that the UDC did have the final authority to overrule but that there were safeguards built in that protected local government. Opponents said that this was not true. Senator Giuffreda said that an article in the State Constitution made it unconstitutional for the state to enact any law that diminished the home-rule of a locality. If this were true, then the UDC would be illegal and without powers.

This past week, the state legislature passed a bill giving the state government the right to establish power plant

sites throughout the state, over the objections of local municipalities and other interested parties. Such legislation is of the greatest importance to this area because power plants require an abundance of water, and Long Island has plenty of that. From what we have been able to gather, the various power companies that operate on Long Island Sound have plans for a total of twelve nuclear power plants within the next decade. This fact came out at the Shoreham hearings. It has not been denied by the various companies.

Up to this point, a locality had some say as to whether or not the power company could build in its area. Through public hearings, the people would have an opportunity to learn the facts and to determine whether a power plant was good for their area. Now, with the state government assuming control and placing these decisions in the hands of a few commission members, we can look forward to the same kind of situation that exists between the Public Service Commission and the utilities. The public feels that the commission is in the hip pocket of the utilities, and what the utilities want they get. This has been borne out by the tremendous increase in rates and deterioration of service (particularly by the phone company).

The founders of the State of New York foresaw the day when government would try to place itself above the people. They built powers into the State Constitution that would preserve and protect the powers of local governments that are the least complicated and closest to the people. We believe that the action of the State Legislature this past week is illegal and that it will be contested in court.

In any case, we urge you to write to Governor Rockefeller requesting that he veto Bill No. 12254. Your rights as individuals are being taken from you, as are the collective rights of communities. Unless we protest vehemently we will not have any rights left at all. And why not?

A Matter of Priorities

No one seems to understand when a public budget goes down. We have recently witnessed some school budgets, as well as others, being

rejected by the voters. There are several governmental projects in trouble because of finances, and the public is not kicking up the dollars to bail them out.

For almost twenty years now, we have been on an unparalleled spending binge. We have hurried to accomplish things in our public life that forty years ago were not even thought about. The result is that the voters are constantly being hit with massive construction proposals and a multiplicity of projects and services. The people who work on these things are often volunteers. They give their utmost to these projects which they feel are absolutely justified. In many cases they are, but the problem is that there are just too many of these needs, and the taxpayers have just so many dollars to go around.

A citizen's first obligation is to himself and his family. He has to provide for himself and his own first. Food, shelter, clothing and medical care all come first. Then he has his extras and his community life to worry about. He will support community projects and do so willingly. Unfortunately, he has become overwhelmed by the great number of needs each of which add a few cents here or a few dollars there to his tax bill. When it is all added up, he is paying real estate and other taxes that are beyond his capabilities, and then he rebels. The plain fact of the matter is that he cannot afford it.

Many of these budget proposals could stand a better chance of being accepted if all of the different groups that depend on the real estate tax could and would, coordinate their efforts. Place a set of community priorities on various projects and set out to accomplish them in an orderly manner - one by one. If the voter knows what is expected of him now, and what he will be facing five and ten years from now, he will give his full support to those projects that are worthwhile. If he isn't convinced then he will revolt, as he has in the past, and knock down more and more budgets until nothing is accomplished. The day is coming fast. And why not?

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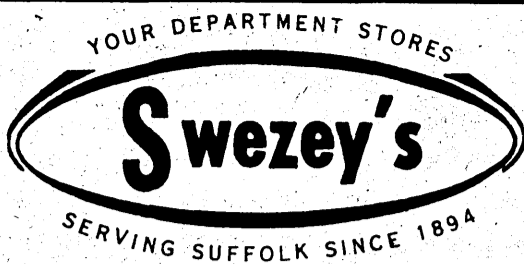
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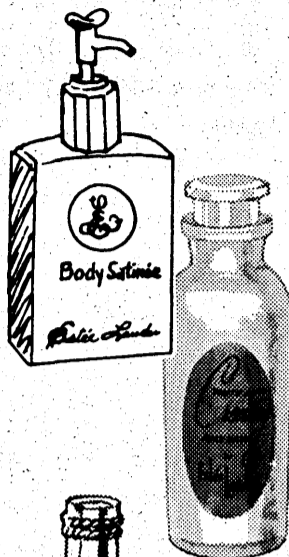
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Willmott:

Have just been reading "Letters to the Editor," and I must say things are really poppin'.

The letter written by Russell E. Mann reflects my views; abortion is a serious matter and so is over population.

I usually agree with what you print in your paper

but I'm afraid I wholeheartedly disagree. Everyday in the paper you read about babies being found in trash cans, etc. Do you really believe that having an abortion is more cruel than putting them in cans?

When a baby draws a breath and is out of the woman's womb, then it's cruel and murder and I agree there are pills for this, but some people don't want to take the chance of people finding out, especially their parents, and who made men Gods to decide if a woman should carry a baby or not. I believe that the women themselves should decide and no idiot man or woman on welfare who has kids just to get more money every month for these people don't have to live with themselves afterward. These people think it's great to have kids they can't afford and then cry poverty and ask for assistance.

Kids should be limited to only two kids for each family. Then, and only then, might the population and ecology stand a chance and then our welfare might be less for us workers to pay.

Abortion concerns no one but the women that carry them and everyone else but out!

Mrs. Joanne Holub
Riverhead

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Congratulations on your Editorial recognizing Bill O'Leary's campaign against Perry "Mr. Abortion" Duryea.

The people of this state have reached a new low when they permit a creep like him to play God and legalize the taking of an innocent human being's life. (If a fetus isn't a human being, I'd like to know just what the hell he is.)

In N.Y.S. we cannot execute murderers and rapists because that would be violating their right to life, liberty and the urge to do it again. On the other hand, it is perfectly all right to abort an innocent child because a pregnancy interferes with our plans or is simply inconvenient.

Zero population growth seems to think that in the near future half the world's people will find it

necessary to ride piggy-back on the other half just to get around. If they are so concerned and really believe their own fairy tales why don't they all patriotically commit suicide? They would be doing the world a great favor and I, for one, would be deeply grateful.

Finally, a word to Duryea. I doubt if you would lose any sleep over the fact that you endorsed abortion and a fetus (child) is aborted every 3 minutes. But here is something to think about. Mr. O'Leary is getting my vote and anyone else's who believes that abortion is murder. A dead baby in a sterile garbage pail evidently doesn't bother you, but a lost vote might. After all, you're a true politician.

Yours truly,
Donald Montgomery
Greenport

Dear Sir:

Your comments on Russell Mann's letter on abortion have led to these thoughts.

I doubt that anyone thinks abortion is a morally or physically "good" thing. It is an option, a bad one, to be weighed against other options. It is an option whether or not it is legal.

I disagree with your comments on birth control. There is now no birth control method 100 per cent safe against conception and without possibly harmful physical or psychological side effects. None! If you can refute this statement, I welcome the lifting of my ignorance and-or laziness. The only sure way I know of not to become pregnant is not to have sexual relations. Within a marriage I think this might cause psychological damage. Even sterilization is not always effective against pregnancy and can cause both physical and emotional side effects.

In less extreme forms of birth control, there is always the danger of simple passion, alcohol and-or drugs which creates carelessness as an additional problem along with ignorance and laziness.

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An Old Man's Wisdom

An old man, obviously weather-beaten, wrinkled by age and hardened by the elements, lives at the tip of Eastern Long Island at Orient, New York. For some 70 years, he has fostered a livelihood working with and against Mother Nature, surviving by his wits and his appreciation and respect for the elements. He is a fisherman. He learned his profession well in the old country, Germany. His name is Erich Zwinkel. To some he is a radical, and probably they suspect that he is "crazy as a loony bird," but this editor has a tremendous respect and appreciation for his knowledge and understanding of what makes things tick.

For the last two years that we have been in contact with this gentleman, he has been preaching the same story - that if we do not do something now, we are going to completely wipe out the seafood nurseries that lie off our shores and produce the abundance of food that both American and foreign fisheries are harvesting with reckless abandon.

Erich maintains that, under present systems or lack of them, no conservation measures are effectively in force that allow the fish time to reproduce themselves -- that we are harvesting the nurseries, and that within a short, foreseeable time, there will no longer be any fish left to reproduce themselves. Erich is no lightweight in this matter. He has served on Presidential commissions and has worked with international organizations in trying to bring his point across. He has basically been ignored up to this point.

His recommendations, which are based on first-hand knowledge and a deep appreciation for the capabilities of sea life to reproduce itself, are often lost in his inability to convey this very important message because of his broken English. This man's wisdom has been ignored all too long. It is rare that you find a man of his expertise unselfishly trying to do something for future generations. At his age, his days as a fisherman and as a person are being limited by every sunrise. He thinks enough of the world that he has grown up in to still fight for a better place for those that will be following him.

Erich proposes a unilateral meeting of all those within North America that

are involved with fishing -- sport, commercial and other -- to come up with concrete proposals to stop the destruction of the fisheries. He proposes a protected fishing area, covering basic hatchery areas of these fish from Cape Sable in Nova Scotia to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

He has worked out the mechanics for such a proposal and how it could be administered, and it should be listened to. We will be bringing you his complete proposal in the forthcoming editions of SUFFOLK LIFE. We ask that you read carefully what this wonderful old man, "The Lone Fisherman Under the Sun," has to say and support his proposals vigorously. And why not?

You May Have Missed

If you will excuse a little bit of blowing our own horn, the "Weekender," our new SUFFOLK LIFE publication, is really tremendous. This past week's copy was the best that we have published yet and is an indication of what is to come.

For those of you who enjoy fishing, or even just like to think about it once in awhile, the News Department of SUFFOLK LIFE did a fabulous job of covering the multiple types and areas where salt water fishing is done here on Eastern Long Island. Those who read this week's "Weekender" learned a lot about the various types of fish, gear, areas to be caught, equipment needed, and expenses involved in going fishing on Eastern Long Island.

Our "Women's" columnist, Ann O'Neill, once again showed a wonderful sense of humor in dealing with the influx of summer residents to East Hampton, while Elinor Le Drew gave some very interesting insights on the "Golden Years" that were of interest to both young and old. Those who picked up their copy of the "Weekender" for only a dime had before them complete schedules of day and evening T.V. viewing, a listing of the movies playing all over Eastern Long Island, and the only complete mass transportation schedules covering rail, bus and ferry. On top of this, our readers knew of all the non-commercial activities that were available for their leisure time in the East End.

This is only a small part of what is available in this new, exciting publication. The SUFFOLK LIFE "Weekender" is available every Friday afternoon at your local newsstand and through many retail outlets on the East End, and for only a dime. To be assured of receiving a copy, we encourage you to subscribe at our low introductory rate of \$4.99 (which offer expires May 27th) and have a copy of the "Weekender" mailed to your home. It is intended that mail subscribers should receive their copy of the "Weekender" in Friday's mail. Send for your subscription now and enjoy the next 52 weeks of knowing everything that is worth knowing about the leisure time activities here in our great Eastern Long Island - playland of the world. And why not?

Industrial Development Needed

No one that we know can deny that Eastern Long Island is going to grow and be developed. Almost everyone recognizes the fact that, at present, our economy is not all that it could be. A well-planned, stable industrial-commercial development is needed -- the type of development that will blend in and be germane to the "quality of life" that we now enjoy.

Many of the Town Boards in the East End have made feeble attempts to set up some kind of industrial commission but none have done so with vigor. It is imperative, if we are going to have the proper type of growth, that it be guided and encouraged intelligently. The various towns, independently or in cooperation with each other, must set up professional industrial commissions which can function with full knowledge of where our area is and what it has to offer in the way of sites, labor, transportation, training and sociological and natural resources.

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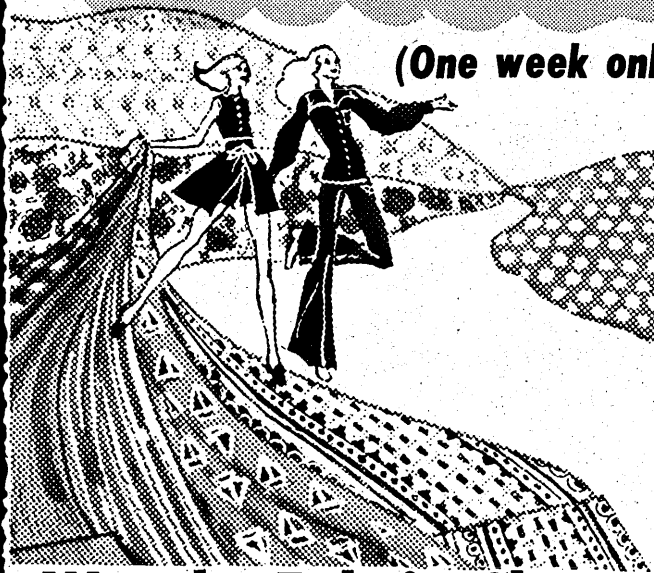
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economically. The time has come for the Town Boards to act to organize meaningful industrial commissions with the power, the authority and the financing to create a stable, economic basis for the future Eastern Long Island. We encourage them to do so NOW. And why not?

Gordon Bill are not supported in this coming election and not returned to the Legislature next year. In their place should be Legislators who are willing to represent the people, not special interest groups. Hopefully, with this kind of person in office next year, the citizens can expect a no-fault insurance bill that will give them the protection that they deserve under the laws of New York State. And why not?

No-Fault Faulters

The 1972 State Legislature, bowing to pressures from trial lawyers, have just cost every family in this state an average of \$150.00. The State Legislature was unable to come up with a meaningful no-fault bill.

The Gordon Bill, supported by Governor Rockefeller and Assemblyman Duryea, had teeth in it and would have done the job. The Levine Bill, supported by the Trial Attorneys Association, was a meaningless piece of bull that was a fraud and would have done nothing but perpetuate the lucrative takings that the attorneys have come to expect as just. Wisely, when it became apparent that the Gordon Bill did not have the support of enough legislators, Assemblyman Duryea killed both proposals and stopped the Levine Bill from being perpetuated on the public as a phony no-fault insurance measure.

It is tragic that this Legislature sold itself out to people who find their livelihood in extracting monies out of human misery. The citizens of the State of New York should make sure that those who failed to support the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I always get to feeling a little sad when someone compares the World War II situation with the present state of affairs in Asia. It seems as if nothing has been learned.

Your correspondent, Mr. Yoerger, is perfectly correct when he states that in World War II we were attempting to stop the Axis powers from dominating Europe and eventually the U.S.

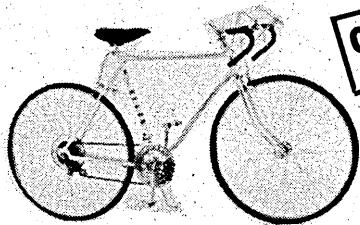
He is also right in condemning Mr. Minard's analogy with the Yaphank farmers, but when he goes on to say that "As I see it, the situation today is no different than that which existed during World War II," then I have to complain that he has not been doing his homework.

World War II came about because a nation which had tried to gain military control of Europe and failed made a second try. This was a straight forward attempt by the Axis Powers to defeat the existing governments of Europe, which had it succeeded, would not have changed the political or social philosophies of the vanquished nations to any great extent, but would merely have made Germany a colonial power. The Germans fought a desperate and dirty fight; I know-I was there from the Battle of Britain to D three in Normandy and onwards.

This was what appears to be the last of the wars of conquest which enliven history over a period of some five thousand years. There was nothing ideological about it. It was simply a battle between two groups of nations of similar political kind for supremacy.

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There are people right here in the East End, of whom we are aware, who are willing to give of their time, their efforts and their past experience. These people will serve without salary in order to insure that our area is developed safely, soundly and

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Perry's Peconic County

This week, Assemblyman Perry Duryea tries to make political points in an election year with Peconic County. He tells how his Assembly and the Senate has passed, once again, a Constitutional amendment which, if passed in the coming year again by both Houses, will bring a state-wide vote for the creation of Peconic County.

This was also done two years ago when he was running for election. By some strange coincidence it somehow did not make it through the Senate the following year. We, at the time, charged and still stand by the statement that if Duryea had wanted it to get through the Senate that year, it would have. We do not say this lightly.

We say this knowing of the wheelings and dealings that go on between the legislative leaders of both Houses and how favors are passed back and forth on favored bills. Duryea had it within his power to make a deal with the Senate Majority Leader, Bridges, and members of the Senate. We believe he could have insured the passage of this bill. This is what the people wanted and still want of their representative in Albany.

Duryea has never been known as a strong supporter of the concept of a separate Peconic County. It does not fit his own personal political ambitions. It is apparent to this editor that in this issue he uses the power of his office for his own personal needs instead of those of his constituents. To now say those who favor this idea should do their homework and have ready a vital set of facts is hypocritical. We have had feasibility studies and financial studies and a popular vote by those affected. All have come back strikingly positive. It is logical, financially feasible, and the people want a separate county. The main roadblock is the personal whim of the Assembly Majority Leader Perry Duryea.

There is almost no doubt that Mr. Duryea will be returned to office this fall. We also believe that he will go back with the same convictions he now holds. If there is to be a Peconic County, we must develop a method of circumventing Mr. Duryea on this issue. There is a way, and it is a very logical way. Instead of using the lines that require a Constitutional amend-

ment, it is logical and feasible to use the lines of his First Assembly District. Within this district you not only have the population required, but the people who want their area separated from the rest of Suffolk County. The First Assembly District runs roughly along the William Floyd Parkway. The east end of Brookhaven, although growing fast, still has not been ruined as have many sections to the west. An independent survey conducted by SUFFOLK LIFE some time ago indicated very strongly that these Brookhaven people, as do the traditional East Enders, favor a separate county.

By re-drawing the boundaries of Peconic County to include this area, you would have the population requirement. This is where the Peconic County Committee should be placing its emphasis instead of being hoodwinked into coming up with more surveys and statistics which will be disregarded. We have been conned too often by great masters to have it happen again.

We need Peconic County NOW. It is worth fighting for, for ourselves and for the future generations. Let's not let it slip away this time to further anyone's personal political ambitions. And why not?

Memorial Day 1972

This coming Monday, we as a nation will mourn those who have died in the various wars to protect our form of government. It is fitting, whether you are a dove or a hawk, that you examine your conscience and ask what you, as an individual, have done to deserve another man giving up his life so that you may be free. From the times of Washington and the American Revolution, we, as citizens, collectively and as a nation, have willingly put our lives on the line to insure that our way of government would be perpetuated.

Today America is split because of a war we are engaged in far from our home shores. We have learned many bitter lessons from this war at a dear price which will be recalled on Monday at various war memorials. We have learned that we cannot allow ourselves to become physically involved in every skirmish that breaks


out around the globe. We do not have either the manpower, the financial resources or the will to fight other countries' battles.

We are in Vietnam and have been attempting to get out. A lot more men would have been out of there by now if the Communists had waited in their attack on the South. Unfortunately, they do not want this war to end, and our President had no choice but to live up to his word and use our air and sea power against the Communist aggressions in every way that was needed.

This Monday, as we pay homage and remember the sacrifices that have been made, let's all ask God that by this time next year we are no longer involved in any war and that there are no new names to be added to the roll call -- that each of us work as individuals to bring peace to the world. And why not?

Smile A Little More

One of the nicest things about spring is that it sets off a strange reaction in people causing them to smile at one another for no apparent reason. It's great. Last week, while out on the street, we noticed this phenomenon. Strangers would look at each other and smile. A simple smile is one of the greatest things in the world. It's not hard to do and makes both the giver and receiver feel good. Smile a little more. It's good for all of us. And why not?



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Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Guns Don't Kill

The latest attempted political assassination, the shooting of George Wallace, has brought to the forefront proponents of gun control laws. Once again we hear highly emotional arguments being offered saying that if the government controls all guns, there will be less killings.

It sounds good, until you stop and realize that guns don't kill -- people do. Long before gun powder was invented, people killed each other and the political leaders. Guns have made it slightly easier for them to perform this act, but the lack of this particular type of armament has never stopped anyone from taking another's life.

We believe that government control of all legal guns has more going against it than for it. The government's own record in controlling people is not the greatest. A look at prohibition and the government's mandatory forbiddance of the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and today's more modern version of its attempt to stop people from using marijuana, tells us that the government is ineffective in those efforts to protect people from themselves.

In New York State, we have the Sullivan Law. This forbids private ownership of hand guns without permit or license. Yet, almost daily, we pick up our newspapers and read of assaults and killings with illegal hand guns. There are those who argue that these guns come from out of state where they can be bought legally. Some do, but this is a very naive argument. Hand guns can be bought in almost any town, and with relative ease in the big cities without permits. It is also a fairly simple matter to construct your own hand gun. These can be made in any metal shop. It was not too many years ago that we recall zip guns being produced right in the very public schools we ourselves attended.

As long as there is a market for a product, there will be someone willing to supply it for a profit. The government has been unable to stop organized crime from possessing armaments. There is a law on the books at present forbidding any private citizen from owning or using an automatic weapon. This has not stopped the use of sub-machine guns in holdups and other criminal endeavors.

Sub-machine guns are not the type of thing that you see sold in any sporting goods store in the United States, yet

the government has not been able to stop the criminal element from obtaining them.

There is the emotional argument that guns controlled by the government could be kept out of people's hands who are deranged or mentally unstable. It has been suggested that it is this type of person that is responsible for attempted political assassinations of recent years. Don't think for one moment that somebody who is profiteering in illegal guns is going to ask for proof of mental competence from those that he is selling to.

The only thing a gun law will accomplish is to take guns out of the hands of law-abiding people and forcibly mandate they give up their right to possess arms. These are not the people that laws are intended to harness and they are the only ones to be affected by passage of such legislation.

Giving the government complete control over all legitimate guns in the country poses a frightening political problem. History tells us that, under Hitler's rule, one of the first things he did upon assuming power was to register all guns in that country. This was quickly followed by the confiscation of these arms, using the same argument that proponents use today. The outcome was that the people were defenseless and could not stop this madman from the course he was taking the country.

It might be argued that this could not happen in this country. In our Constitution it states that we, as Americans, have the right to bear arms. Allowing gun legislation to be passed by Congress and thus controlling and forbidding the American public to have guns is a political way of circumventing the Constitution. Federal registration of all guns is a politician's way of getting around a Constitutional amendment. We believe that, until the government can come up with a foolproof, failsafe, method of insuring there will be absolutely no violation of the laws, and that those who the law is intended to control can be controlled, we should not allow our rights to be infringed upon.

We, as individuals, should have the right to choose whether to keep arms or not. Allowing passage of a law which will only take guns out of the hands of people who obey laws is without justification. We urge you to write to your representatives and convey this message. And why not?

Appreciating What We Have

Now is the most beautiful time of the year here on eastern Long Island. All around us. On the beaches, in the fields, in the woods and in the swamps. Mother Nature is bursting forth with an abundance of energy, in beauty unsurpassed.

Look around you. It is everywhere. Go to the beaches. Enjoy the warmth, peace and serenity. Partake in the unsurpassed brilliant sunsets. Go to the woods. See, feel and smell the color of birth. Go to the ponds and swamps. Mother Nature is coming alive in untold abundance.

There is no sweeter smell than that of spring -- the transformation of the dormant earth bursting forth with new life. This miracle takes place every year and excels here on the East End. There are only a few weeks in which this happens before spring transforms itself into a lazy, growing pattern of summer.

All eastern Long Island residents should take at least a few moments out of their busy schedules to enjoy this beautiful happening. This is what makes living in this area so worthwhile. It is a crime to put off partaking in the fantastic display. This is the worthwhile quality of life. And why not?

Questionable Ways

Our county government acts in strange ways. This past week, they voted to appropriate money to buy more land. The two pieces of most interest to East Enders are the 40 acres adjacent to the air base and the piece of land called "Bald Hill," about 3 miles from the air base. They maintain that they need to buy the land adjacent to the air base for a buffer zone, even though they still do not have any concrete plans for

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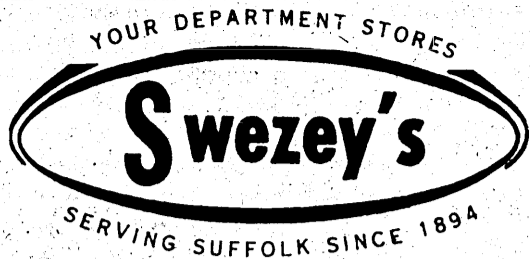
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becomes an accomplished fact. Why they have not used their common sense and accomplished this project at a fraction of its projected cost is not known. The air base, with all its present buildings and facilities, could make an ideal, instant campus. Aesthetically, it might not be beautiful, but it would be functional and would achieve what is desperately needed now. The cost would be a fraction of the projected cost of a new campus, and the benefits would be the same.

This facility will make an ideal location for either a general, junior or community college and a school of aviation, specializing in the skills and trades of this growing field. Not only would a campus located at this base serve a practical purpose, but its presence would encourage the type of industry needed. Light commercial and industrial plants with research and development facilities, R&D firms, find it extremely productive to be located near a campus that specializes in its field of endeavor. Take a look at the number of electronic complexes surrounding the M.I.T. campus in Massachusetts.

To build a new campus 3 miles from the base, on what is now nothing more than scrub oak and sand, is poor planning. It will take several years for the site to be developed into a campus and at a cost of many million dollars that the taxpayers cannot afford. Not to use the present air base facilities for this purpose is wasteful and ill-advised.

The day has come when our county government must utilize their present assets and start returning to its people a return on their investment. By the County Executive's own words, recently spoken in Washington, the county will be broke next year without any new ways of taxation. When you are faced with this reality, you must be practical and stop trying to live like a millionaire with another guaranteed inheritance coming in next year.

The legislators must act in the best interest of all the people of Suffolk and provide them with this school and related benefits that will be ours by utilizing the air base for this purpose. And why not?

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development of the base. They want the "Bald Hill" property as a site for a community college to serve eastern Suffolk.

The county, at present, owns the air base, which encompasses approximately 3,000 acres, plus assorted buildings that formerly serviced and housed several thousand people. Most of these buildings are not being legitimately used and are fast falling into disrepair from non-use and non-maintenance.

At present there is not a Master Plan or any apparent concrete formula for utilization of the air base. They are

just keeping it open. To accomplish this, it cost the residents of Suffolk County over \$1,000,000 last year. That represents \$1.00 from every man, woman and child in Suffolk County. At the same time that they have allowed this waste of our money, they have also denied several thousand young people and others the benefit of an education from a community college here on the East End.

Instead of utilizing the assets that they have, the legislators are planning a whole new campus for the Bald Hill area. To accomplish this will cost the taxpayers several million dollars, and it will be several years before it