



It's All Over

The voters have spoken. They have made their decision. The majority have had their say, and that is the way it is in a democracy. One of the things that has made this country strong is that once the majority has made its wishes clear, then the minority has offered its loyal support to the victors and everyone has worked for a better government.

The past few years have shown ever-widening splits between the various political factions in this country, as well as alienation of our youth from the slow and sometimes cumbersome processes of a democracy. Our newly elected officials need a united front behind them in the perilous months that lie ahead. We don't mean blind support, of policies that we cannot condone but the kind of support that involves us as responsible citizens—citizens who apprise themselves of legislation under consideration, citizens who weigh the facts and then communicate their considered wishes to their elected officials.

We must make our elected officials aware of how we feel on any given issue. This takes a bit of effort on our part. The cynical attitude, so often expressed by the average voter, that "no politician cares about the opinion of the "little guy" is shared by your elected officials who have themselves become cynical over the apparent lack of interest, on the part of the voter, after election day. Politicians must be kept aware of what YOU want. The only way to do this is for YOU to communicate with them. Buy a dozen postcards once a month and mail them to your elected officials with your opinions upon them. Our elected officials must receive a sounding on how to vote on the various issues and they owe it to YOU to keep you informed on all matters pertinent to those issues. Don't let your elected officials down! Let them know how YOU feel!

We congratulate the winners of this election and pray that they will have the guidance that they need to make the right decisions on the issues that confront us during the trying times ahead. We wish them every success in the fulfillment of their terms of office. And Why Not?

Interesting Proposal

In today's "Letters to the Editor" column we have printed a letter from Mr. Carl Stagg dealing with the welfare problem. He suggests that welfare recipients be prohibited from receiving payments in excess of the minimum wage if they were gainfully employed.

He also suggests that their welfare payments be subjected to the same deductions that would apply to pay checks. In other words, a welfare recipient could not receive any more from welfare than the minimum a wage earner could take home.

Mr. Stagg's proposal makes a lot of sense to us. It is possible for a welfare recipient, under the present set-up, to make far more by staying home than by working. Not only is the dole more but it is not subject to any taxes or deductions, so that the net amount, by refusing to work, is far greater than his take-home pay would be after deductions.

Mr. Stagg's proposal, combined with a "residency" law or "reverse residency" law, might very well reverse the disgraceful welfare situation that exists today. Under a "residency" law anybody coming into New York State would have to be able to support himself for one year before becoming eligible for welfare. It has been impossible, so far, for the legislature to get such a bill passed. As a result, New York State has had a staggering influx of welfare applicants from states that pay little for welfare as well as from Puerto Rico that also provides very low relief payments. In an interview with Perry Duryea, prior to the election, he suggested that a "reverse residency" law might provide the answer. Under such a plan welfare recipients could receive payments as soon as they arrive in New York State but only in amounts that did not exceed the maximum available to them in the state from whence they came. In other words, if they left a state that only allowed a subsistence of \$30.00 per month, then that is all they would be allowed in New York State. Such a plan would remove the incentive for thousands who come to New York to get on the "gravy train".

Our entire welfare system needs a complete overhaul. Instead of extending a helping hand to the less fortunate, it has provided a degrading haven of security for those who are unwilling to pull their weight in our society. We know of many jobs that could not be filled last year because there were no takers. Some of these jobs paid the minimum wage; some paid as much as \$150. per week. None of them required any tremendous degree of intelligence or training—just a willingness to work and to follow

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 simple instructions.

Through our good intentions, though bad judgement, we have created a system that actually encourages sloth. In thousands of instances it is actually more profitable not to work. We have created a system that encourages persons to live an immoral life and that actually rewards them for their indiscretions (through increased payments) for each child that comes along. We have created a bureaucratic monster that costs more to administer than is paid out in relief. Our welfare program puts such a tax burden on the average working family that it is stripping them of their incentive to work.

Suffolk Life believes that welfare has reached such astronomical proportions that it is time for our legislators to cast a cold hard look at the entire system. We think that the "bleeding heart" philosophy should be replaced with a little down-to-earth logic and fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Stagg's proposal, as well as the "residency" or "reverse residency" laws, would do much to deter people from coming to New York State just to get on the welfare rolls. There are undoubtedly some who would call us inhumane for agreeing with these proposals. What about the inhumanity of a man holding down two jobs, and his wife another, just so they can provide their family with the necessities of life and maybe an occasional luxury. The current tax burden, much of which is caused by skyrocketing

welfare costs, is actually forcing many families into just such a situation. These people have pride and are willing to do everything in their power to earn a living. We don't think that any man has the right to live off the fruits of another man's labors. And Why Not?

Public Housing

A report is about to be released that will urge both Nassau and Suffolk to create county housing authorities for the purpose of building low cost housing projects. These projects will be built with funds paid into the state and federal coffers by the taxpayers. These authorities, being autonomous, will have the power to override local zoning regulations and planning board recommendations.

We recognize that there is a need for decent low cost housing in many areas of the country. Some people do not earn enough to afford available housing for their families. Also, some people do not want clean, decent housing and will turn any housing that they inhabit into a slum.

The question that comes to mind is whether or not it is fair to burden our already overburdened taxpayer, who often must hold down two jobs to support his family, with more taxes in order to finance this project. Many families are barely out of the poverty category themselves and additional tax levies to finance projects of this type will cause even more unpleasantness for those who are trying to be productive citizens.

Suffolk Life believes that low cost housing can and must be built by private capital only. If private enterprise drags its feet on this matter then we would support a program whereby a low income family could build a house by doing much of the work themselves. They would finance their home through long term, low interest loans guaranteed by the government in cooperation with local financial institutions. Persons who have an investment of time, labor and money in their own homes are far more liable to treat their abode with respect and responsibility.

Government should absent itself from areas where private enterprise rightfully belongs. Government has no right to take money from those who are barely able to provide for themselves and give it to others. The concept of self-help in low cost housing is far more realistic than any scheme government can devise. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:

This is just a note to tell you what a wonderful editorial you wrote in the last issue of Suffolk Life (Oct. 16) The last part on p.4 was great! Beginning "They want to know"



Decisive Return

The residents of the five eastern towns have spoken out decisively in favor of separating into a new county. The final tabulation showed that they favor this path by a margin of four to one.

This mandate from the people should encourage the leaders of this movement to act as quickly as possible to have the necessary bills drawn up for Assemblyman Duryea and Senator Giuffreda to introduce into the coming session of the legislature. They should also engage the services of a lawyer, who is an expert in constitutional law, to render an opinion on the question of the constitutionality of separating the county. This question must be cleared up immediately.

An added impetus to this move is the fact that our assemblyman from this district will be the assembly majority leader and that the senate will be Republican controlled. This should remove many of the stumbling blocks that Mr. Duryea said were in the way when the Democrats had control of the legislature. As assembly majority leader, Mr. Duryea should be able to get this bill out of committee and on to the floor. It stands a good chance of being passed with his newly acquired power and added prestige behind it.

From where we stand at present we would say that things are looking up for Peconic County. And Why Not?

Suffolk Sales Tax

This past Friday, County Executive Dennison asked the county board to enact a 2% sales tax here in Suffolk County. He stated that the county has succeeded in out-spending the moneys that could be legally raised, under the charter, from property taxes.

We think that we speak for the great majority of the residents of this area when we say that we are indefatigably opposed to a sales tax or any other new tax to finance the county government. None of us can afford it.

We particularly cannot afford it when there are admitted fiscal abuses and wasteful practises going on daily in the county. The county is not and surely will not be run efficiently if it has an unlimited source of funds to finance its wastefulness and featherbedding.

Three weeks ago Suffolk Life called for a complete investigation, and review by a citizens committee, of the financial affairs and spending practises of Suffolk County. Again, we strongly urge the creation

of such a committee, made up of intelligent, non-partisan people, to investigate all facets of our county government.

We are sure that such a committee would turn up waste and inefficiencies that, if corrected, could not only eliminate the need for new taxes but reduce the current tax requirements. Until such a committee is formed and has had an opportunity to look into the financial picture within the county, there must be no new means of raising taxes.

We recommend that all interested citizens turn out at the county budget hearing this coming Monday, November 18th and demand that this proposal be enacted. The citizens of Suffolk County must show their strength and determination on this matter or we will be saddled with a sales tax and other taxes as the politicians see fit. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott,

Permit me to make a somewhat belated comment on your very interesting editorial entitled, "Law and Order" in the Sept. 25th issue of Suffolk Life. The point you make is pertinent and relevant after the national elections as well as before the elections. In the 2nd paragraph, the editorial says, "Since the days of F.D.R.'s New Deal we have seen a steady breakdown of law and order. It started with Prohibition, spread through the depression, was halted somewhat during World War II.

This suggests that the "breakdown of law and order" started with Prohibition which went into effect concurrently with F.D.R.'s New Deal. To those of us readers who are in the middle fifties and older, it suggests that the editorial writer didn't do his homework before writing the editorial, as Prohibition with all the disrespect and violations of the law which it engendered, was in effect all during the administrations of President Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, a period of twelve years before F.D.R. took office, early in 1933. Further, in all fairness, it must also be pointed out that the 18th Amendment—the Prohibition Law—was repealed during the last half of 1933,

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Solution Desperately Needed

1968 has seen the tragic result of slipshod legislation. The Taylor Law, passed in haste, has wreaked havoc with most town and county budgets as well as the state budget. This law was supposed to give public employees the right to bargain collectively while forbidding them to strike. Actually, it has provided the mechanics whereby they can strike, and we are all aware of the critical situation in New York City which has caused over one million children to go without public school instruction for almost one-third of the current school year. This intolerable condition has been augmented by the pig-headedness of the teachers, the union officials and administrators of the school system. The end of the school strike is not in sight.

As in strike situations in private industry, the issues are not all bread and butter items but cross over into the realm of policy and the administration of the schools. It really comes down to the question of who is going to run the schools - the teachers, the local boards, the central boards or the unions. If we tend to think of New York City's problems as being too remote to have any effect upon our own we are mistaken. What is happening there could well happen here and probably will happen soon unless things are changed drastically. Our children could well be deprived of much of their education if the unions are successful in New York City. If they win the right to set policy and decree how the schools are going to be run, it will be the end of education as we know it.

It is Suffolk Life's opinion that public employees should have the right to bargain on bread and butter issues. If agreements cannot be reached on these issues, within a reasonable period of time before the existing contracts expire, then the conflicts should be turned over to a binding court of arbitration and a solution reached before the contract expires. It is obvious that neither the politicians nor the union officials representing the public employees have the needed courage or sense of responsibility to reach conclusions before inevitable harm comes to the public.

The ball is now sent back to the legislature which started this whole mess. It is up to our lawmakers to repeal the Taylor Law and replace it with legislation that requires binding arbitration on both parties before contracts expire.

Public employees have a right to air their grievances in monetary matters but have no right whatsoever to dictate policy. As an employees group they have a

right to ask for certain improvements. Their employers, the government, have a right to grant reasonable requests within the bounds of what their constituents, the taxpayers, can afford. If the two groups cannot get together, then binding, compulsory arbitration is the only answer. The legislature must act now. And Why Not?

Mainstream Republicanism

Even though the Republican party has captured the most highly prized office in politics, the presidency, and has gained control of many other important offices, it is in serious trouble. It is in trouble internally. It is being eaten alive by a cancer fed by the power brokers, namely: Rockefeller, Javits, Lindsay, Romney and Scranton. These men espouse a brand of politics that is as alien to the Republican party as hell is to heaven. Their brand of politics embraces the big government, ultra-liberal philosophy which would eliminate individual responsibility and would seize individual income which would be apportioned out to "each according to his needs".

They have demonstrated, time and time again, that unless the party plays ball their way they will do everything they can to sabotage the efforts of the party candidates. Reflecting upon this past election we were not surprised to see that the Republicans lost New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan, all led by the liberal trio. They did little more than sit on their rear ends on behalf of their party. None put out more than token effort on behalf of Richard Nixon. They had hoped to capture the nomination for themselves or their brand of Republican. When they lost they played the role of the spoiler instead of uniting behind their standard bearer. "Damnation through faint praise" surely characterized their attitude towards Nixon. By sabotaging Nixon's efforts in these key states they have proven their power and have virtually guaranteed for themselves a huge, ultra-liberal voice in major policy decisions.

The next four years are critical years for the Republican party. If it is to remain a party true to its course, it must be able to offer the people of this

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nation constructive solutions to today's problems, not just variations on the same old ultra-liberal themes. If the party is to be dominated by ultra-liberals then let it join the Liberal party and at least be honest about it.

Responsible Republican leaders want a Republican party that will make lasting contributions to America. They must make it known that they will not tolerate recalcitrant negativists within party ranks. These outcasts do more harm to the party than we will ever know. Mainstream Republicans can and must always be willing to take liberal and conservative elements into the fold, but no single faction should be permitted to become so powerful as to destroy what the party has always stood for. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor:

I am most disappointed that the news media has not seen fit to inform the people of Suffolk County of the process in which two new judges will be appointed to fill the vacated seats of County Court Judges McInerney and Stark, who have been elected to Supreme Court positions.

Governor Rockefeller holds the important responsibility of appointing two qualified men to sit in our County Court. I believe that we, the voters of Suffolk County, should voice our choice in Albany by writing to the Governor and informing him of our preference.

Suffolk County lost the most qualified man on the County Court ticket, due to voter presidential preference: Judge Frank P. DeLuca. With every major Long Island newspaper endorsement, with 10 years of judicial experience and decisions rendered on over 25,000 civil and criminal cases behind him, the voters chose to overlook his qualifications and vote with their presidential choice, straight down the line. What has the position of the presidency got to do with the position of a judgeship? When are voters going to start examining their conscience and disregard straight ticket voting?

I am not a Democrat, yet I, along with over 100,000 voters, saw fit to cast a ballot for Judge DeLuca. The election is over. I'm sure we all wish Mr. Gates and Mr. Lipitz the very best.

However, we can still do our utmost to attempt to place Judge DeLuca in the County Court, where he belongs. Write to our Governor. It is our birthright to voice our free opinions in our fine Country. Let's assist Governor Rockefeller in making the proper choice and let's do it now.

Mrs. Carole M. Barry
Huntington, New York

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Since the lines have been changed on Flanders Road, it's been a menace. There have been three accidents on the corner of Cypress Avenue and Flanders Road within two weeks. Now to top this, I was standing still within the white line in front of my house on Flanders Road and my car was hit by a hit-and-run driver. Something must be done to correct these unnecessary accidents and I hope the hit-and-run driver will come clean.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stella Boyle
Riverhead, N.Y.

Sir;

May I send my congratulations for your editorial "Utmost Importance". I read the article with great pleasure and satisfaction.

I absolutely agree that "We can, as residents of a new county, starting from scratch, choose any form of government that we feel best serves our common interests."

Very sincerely yours
William W. Zaborowski
Shirley, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find a check for two dollars (\$2.00) to cover our subscription to your most delightful and interesting paper.

Mr. Molitor and I do so enjoy reading it.

Thank you,
Doris Molitor
Greenport, N.Y.

We welcome your opinion in the form of a Letter To The Editor. Please type or print and keep under 200 words. All correspondence must be signed.



**Willmott's
and Why-Not's**

BY DAVID J. WILLMOTT, Editor

Thanksgiving 1968

Thanksgiving is the traditional time for reflection and for appreciation of the blessings that have been ours over the past year. To Suffolk Life it is truly a wonderful time of the year, for it affords us the opportunity to review the good things that have happened to us in 1968 and to thank all of those who have made it possible.

We are thankful for the thousands of readers who responded to our subscription drive. They have not only given us the financial support needed to defray some of the additional postal costs but, more important, their support has given us the encouragement to publish a better paper. We are thankful for our advertisers who have continued to support the paper and who have given us the chance to provide our readers with the best in local advertising. By October 15th we had already surpassed our total advertising revenues for 1967, so we are delighted and grateful for this healthy growth. Of course, we are doubly grateful to our readers who tell our advertisers that they saw their ads in Suffolk Life. As a business, out here in beautiful eastern Suffolk, we have much to be thankful for.

As a country we have much to be thankful for. We are the leading nation in the world. Hopefully the war in Viet Nam is one step closer to ending what with the peace talks in Paris. Once more the country has elected a president to whom we look for new leadership and upon whose shoulders we have placed an awesome burden. We should be grateful for our democratic processes that provide us with the opportunities to make these choices. We have few in this country that are going hungry this

Thanksgiving Day. We produce more food than we can use, and there are jobs for those who want to work. We are free from pestilence and have some of the finest medical facilities in the world which are available to millions of our citizens. Our schools are second to none.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for both individually and as a country. We hope that all will give pause on Thanksgiving Day and give thanks to the divine providence that has seen fit to provide us with the blessings that we enjoy so abundantly. And Why Not?



**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Reference is made to your article "Suffolk Sales Tax" on November 13th and your suggestion for the creation of a citizens committee to study all facets of the Suffolk County government.

I think your point is very well taken, and I, for one, would be more than willing to serve with such a body.

My qualifications are based on 32 years of civil service with the County of Nassau. I am a social worker by profession, duly licensed by the NYS Dep't of Education. I have worked as a field or social worker for the Dep't of Public Welfare for two years; investigator for the Office of District Attorney for five years, specializing in welfare frauds; intake worker with the Family division of the Probation Dep't for four years; probation officer with the Adult division of said Probation Dept for 16 years; and five years as the Deputy Director of said Adult division ending with my retirement under the 55 year plan of the NYSE Retirement System on March 31st, 1966

My experience in socially rehabilitative endeavor is quite extensive, in fact it covers any aspect, and I am well acquainted with such negative societal factors as wastefulness, boondoggling and featherbedding.

I have owned the property where I now make my home for the past 23 years. My taxes are constantly rising, Unless the public spending spree is checked the economy of persons like myself whose income is fixed, will be seriously affected.

Sincerely yours,
Eric L. Kempel

Dear Sir:

The proposed sales tax for Suffolk County is unjust because we taxpayers are paying more now and enjoying the benefits less.

I am especially speaking of the middle class. They are burdened enough in life by trying to work in order that they may purchase their own necessities, plus pay the many taxes, without being further burdened by this new nuisance tax.

What are these new services that we need? The officials should print them.

I believe that our politicians should economize to raise the new money instead of wantonly sacrificing the taxpayers overly-burdened pocket book.

Robert McGuirk, Jr.
East Quogue, N.Y.

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