

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

The Second Government

No matter who won yesterday's races for supervisor, on one point at least, the people won. We refer to the recognition of the need for and commitment of every candidate to set up a formal organization to act as a second government in representing the towns which will make up Peconic County.

Until the county was reapportioned, and the supervisors were kicked off the county board, there was communication between the various towns at least at the county board meetings. Since then there has been little formal communication between towns. Each town has gone its merry way with little regard for its neighbors. Each town is involved in projects that affect other towns in the east end, particularly with regard to planning, zoning, industrial development and budgeting.

When we interviewed the various candidates for supervisor we asked if they supported the concept of setting up a formal organization comprised of the supervisor and the planning board chairman from each town. The purpose of this organization would be to discuss and act on the various problems common to all. Each candidate endorsed this concept. The meetings would be open to all, in a place that could accommodate a large crowd and would be held on a regularly scheduled basis.

What could come out of these meetings would be an East End that is united. Ideas for better government could be discussed and mutual problems could be aired. At least each town would be able to know what its neighbors are doing with respect to zoning and planning and could voice an unofficial approval or disapproval.

The second government can actually become an unofficial Peconic County government. This is necessary if the East End is to have any control over its development and future. This body could also work for the creation of the new county as each supervisor candidate is still firmly pledged to this idea.

Now that the winners know who they are, it's time to get down to business, and the first order of business is the creation of this organization. The time and the place for meetings should be set. Suffolk Life will keep you posted on all further developments. And why not?

You Need You

This year's election pointed out one vivid thing that has been the crux of all the problems involving government. People tend to forget or are unaware of the fact that **you are the government**. The people we elect are only figureheads and are in no way the government. They are there only to carry out our will.

The problems we have faced in our government from the school board level all the way up to the federal government is that we as a group have refused to look at the government as **us**. The day after election, we tend to forget about our governments except possibly to complain about taxes until the next election.

Looking at our local governments (which is the one place we can be directly involved), we see that our active and full time participation is desperately needed. The caliber of office holder that we are given to elect is not the type of person that can successfully run these operations without strong direction from someone. When the people abdicate their duty and responsibility in this instance, the self seeker and the opportunist moves in to fill the void. These elected officials find these people convenient to lean upon and end up taking their advice. Often this advice is to the disservice of the community and enriches those who use the system to their own ends.

All of us as citizens must be willing to go out of our way to find out what is being proposed and done about the areas we live in. When issues come up, no matter how small or how large, we must be informed and make our desires known to our local officials. It is a must that you personally attend some board meetings. It is for this reason every candidate we interviewed pledged to at least try on a regular basis night meetings, so that they would be open to more of the people.

What will happen over the next two years will not so much depend upon who you have elected, as to whether you feel that there is a need and obligation on your own part to participate as a good citizen in your government. Your towns are only going to be as good as you are, in keeping informed and voicing your opinion. It's up to no one but **you**. And why not?

Win A Turkey

It's THAT time of year again, and, to kick off Suffolk Life's fabulous Eastern Long Island shopping spree, the merchants are giving away free turkeys. Every store participating in this exciting promotion will give away a turkey to some lucky shopper in that store.

This Eighth Annual Eastern Long Island Shopping Spree is sponsored by Suffolk Life and the progressive merchants of the area. The purpose of the promotion is simple. These folks want you to do your Christmas shopping at home in their local stores. They want you to know that they have the selection of gifts that you are looking for - that they give truly outstanding service and that their prices are right. To tell you their story, they advertise in the paper the people get and read, Suffolk Life. To make shopping extra rewarding for you they give you the opportunity of winning exciting prizes. This year each store will give away a free turkey in time for your Thanksgiving dinner. After that, during the succeeding five weeks until Christmas, an estimated \$5,000 in gift certificates will be given away on a weekly basis. The super grand prize will be a brand new 1972 automobile.

In the previous shopping sprees that Suffolk Life has sponsored, there have been over 10,000 winners of various prizes. This year may be your lucky year. Be sure to do all your shopping at home and enter your name at every participating store. Look for the store with the FREE TURKEY signs on them. These signs will be replaced with SHOPPING SPREE signs after Thanksgiving. Enter today and every day; you may be the lucky winner. And why not?



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New Chairman

Now that John Klein has been successful in capturing the county executive post, and the Republicans have increased their domination of the county legislature to fifteen, the task of choosing a new chairman of the legislature looms in the immediate future. As we see it this could develop into a battle royal - making the recent election look like a Sunday school picnic by comparison. As things shape up Dick Zeidler, the Republican leader of Brookhaven, feels he has the right to dictate who this leader will be. It was Zeidler's organization that piled up the impressive majority for the Republicans in Brookhaven. He has made it clear that he wants Alex Proios of the Fifth District as chairman. Proios will be just a freshman legislator with no knowledge of the workings of the legislature. The point is that Zeidler is no longer content with running Brookhaven Town; he now wants the entire county.

This could shape up to be the battle of the years. Its outcome may determine not only who the leader of the legislature will be but also of the Republican party as well. If Zeidler is successful in this battle it won't be long before he will have control of Blue Point even if Schwenk is the leader in name.

As far as the leadership of the legislature goes, it definitely should not go to some hack as Proios, by all indications, is. The operation of the county is in bad shape as things are without having a puppet to further foul up affairs. When we interviewed the candidates prior to the recent election it was totally demoralizing to have to sit and listen to some of the legislators expound on their ignorance regarding county matters. It became crystal clear that no one is running the county - that this monster has grown so fast that no one, not even the Republican leaders, knows fully what they are dealing with. At first their attitude led us to believe they were hiding something. Later in the interviews we began to realize that they just didn't know what they were talking about. Ignorance pure and simple. Not only were they ignorant about the workings of the county but they also didn't even know where to go to get information.

The quality of the people we have entrusted our county to leaves much to be desired. We daresay that if these people were placed at the head of a private business it would be bankrupt

within a year. It's a sad commentary. The voters themselves are not as much to blame as the political parties - all three parties. Most of the people running for office this year, and two years ago, were the worst we have seen offered for any office.

John Klein has a tough battle ahead of him. The problems facing the county are tremendous, and it will take a very strong-minded and determined individual to face them. We wish Mr. Klein luck and hope that he justifies the faith that the voters have put in him. His first and biggest problem is going to be to realign and educate the legislators. He should spell out just what their responsibilities are, as few of them, even those who served before, really know. With some guidelines and priorities set before them they might just surprise us and become a constructive, working body.

Klein, and whoever becomes chairman of the legislature, would do well to call upon people on the outside for help in running the affairs of the county. The attitude of keeping everything within the club has hurt Suffolk in the past and will continue to do so in the future. There are competent and willing specialists outside of government who are willing to donate their services to make Suffolk a great county. The leadership must make it known that aid is wanted and will be used.

Success can be Suffolk's if Klein and the leadership are willing to involve people in government and are big enough to admit that the job can't be done by themselves alone. We hope they are man enough to admit it because now, as never before, Suffolk needs success. And why not?

The bill was written in such a way as to protect our "home rule," but the voters saw it differently.

John Klein, County Executive elect, has stated that he plans to resubmit the bill next November. It would be folly to bring it back in its present form. It does have some inherent weaknesses. It is a cumbersome bill, particularly with regard to the east end situation. A great deal of our land is within five hundred feet of the water. This means that every time someone wants a zoning variance, no matter how minor, they would be tied up for months waiting till the county had a chance to rule on it. We don't believe that this was the intention of the county legislature, but there was no provision to exclude minor variance requests by individual homeowners. The bill as written, because of the potential number of zoning variances, would have been administratively overworked which would have killed the effectiveness of this charter change.

There is also a peculiarity that affects Southold Town. Southold has a representative on the board from Fishers Island who makes only two board meetings a year. In effect, Southold would have to pass on these matters unanimously in order to override the county planning board. In all fairness, some provision will have to be made to compensate for the situation in Southold.

We were sorry to see this amendment go down to defeat, but it might be for the best. It can be brought back with changes to make it more equitable and less cumbersome. The intent was good and we still wholeheartedly support the idea. And why not?

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Shoreline Zoning Review Bill Defeated

Even though there was no organized resistance to County Question No. 1 it was defeated. The amendment to the county charter that would have given the county planning board the right to review all zoning within 500 feet of the water was enthusiastically supported by Suffolk Life. We felt that the towns had the final say in zoning matters because they could have overridden the county by a majority plus one vote.



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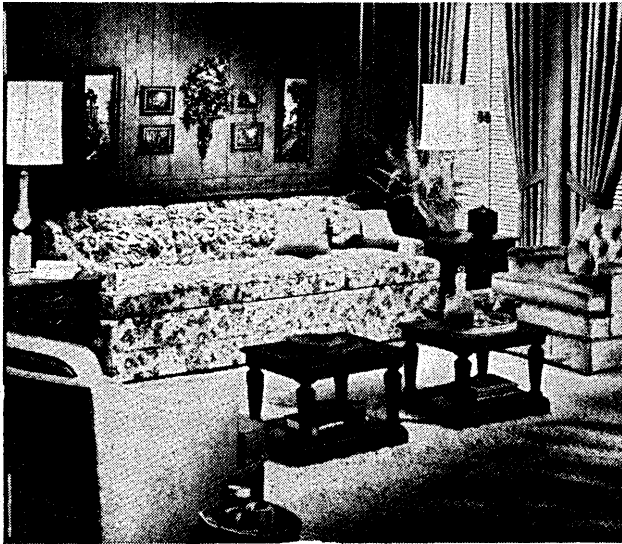
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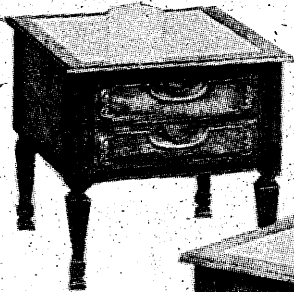


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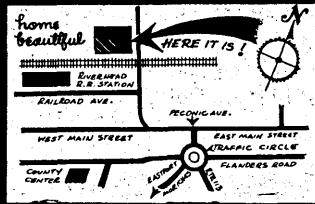
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Gov's. Invited To Parley With Morton

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Two days after Congressman Otis G. Pike called for gubernatorial intervention in the off-shore oil drilling controversy, as reported exclusively last Wednesday in Suffolk Life, Interior Secretary Rogers P. Morton shot off telegrams to 14 east coast governors to parley on the question. The telegrams assured the heads of states that no leases are contemplated "...at this time..."

Morton and the US Department of the Interior have fallen under intensive fire from conservationists the past several months after it was discovered that 34 oil companies were testing for oil off the shores of Long Island. Angry charges that the subsequent granting of drill leases is "in the bag" because the oil industry has the Interior Department in

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Willmott:
Congratulations on your fine paper. Seldom does one find a more dedicated voice raised for the common good. Your political views are well worth reading.

Now that the election day is here, and whatever the outcome, we must make the best of the will of the majority. I wonder if you can give some room in your paper for the following.

Recently, I came across a book, "Road to Survival," by William Vogt, with foreward by Bernard M. Baruch, pub. in 1948. This book should be a MUST reading by any student of human behavior, certainly by our farmers of the area.

Due to population explosion and the waste of natural resources, the book gives one plenty of food for thought. To quote -- "The American farmer of a hundred years ago on a moderate-sized farm could support his family, five or six children and perhaps some indigent relative, a hired hand or two.

Today, with an estimated 0.88 acres of arable land per person available on our continent, we have the specter of famine hanging over us by 1980-85." end quote.

Our nutritionists have calculated that 2.5 acres are required per person for an adequate standard of living.

Don't you think our leaders should be concerned with our ECOLOGY???

Sincerely,
W. D. Wells

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Dear Mr. Willmott:
Suffolk Life has done a great civic service in your series of interviews with the various Town and County candidates seeking office in today's election. Your comments and assessment of their qualifications, stripped of all party bally-hoo, were a great help to your readers (this one at least) in trying to vote intelligently. Regardless of what the outcome may be I cannot help but feel that it will be the better for your efforts. Objective reporting of this nature is rare in a regional paper. You are to be congratulated for it.
Sincerely yours,
Edwin M. Prellwitz

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Investigation Needed

In this week's paper you will find a story by George Valyo pertaining to the bridge they are building over Shinnecock Canal. As the article points out, the whole project is in a state of confusion. The contractor is about to go out of his mind trying to deal with the county. Things have gotten to the point where no one will even answer his registered letters, and, as a result, the project is becoming badly bogged down.

It is imperative to the people of the Hampton Bays area that this bridge be opened as quickly as possible - not only for their convenience but also for their safety and well-being. What the closing of this bridge has done to

business is deplorable and, unfortunately, unnecessary. If our county government cared and knew what was going on, they could have had the old bridge repaired rather inexpensively and quickly, from what we understand; but instead they preferred to treat the situation as a joke. It is no joke when you see your life savings going down the drain because your customers have difficulty getting to you. It's no joke when you live in fear of fire knowing that the fire department is now another ten minutes away from you.

It's time that the county executive and the board began paying some attention to the problems of the people on the east end. Our problems may not be of the same magnitude as the sewer situation but they are important to us. We need help now. This bridge must be reopened immediately. And why not?

Commercial Jetport OK'd

Lame duck County Executive Super Lee Dennison vetoed Resolution No. 4936 that would have restricted commercial air traffic at the Suffolk County Airport in Westhampton Beach. The people of eastern Suffolk desperately wanted this resolution approved. This is what Dennison's prodigal son, County Executive elect John Klein, offered the people before election. Now that the heir apparent has been safely elected to office, Super Lee conveniently gets himself off the hook by vetoing this bill leaving Klein free to do what he and Dennison originally planned - make Westhampton into a major commercial jetport as spelled out in the Dixon-Speas report.

At the time Klein offered this resolution we said we felt that it was a guise to placate the people. We were convinced that, as soon as the election was over, the resolution would be vetoed by Dennison, and so it has come to pass. It is this kind of dishonesty that has shadowed this project from the beginning. It is this kind of unethical behaviour that will one day see the airbase situation as a monumental case in corruption. If Dennison was opposed to this measure, as we knew he was, why didn't he have the courage to veto it before the election of his prodigal son? He has sold out the public, and that is fitting of his image. The next meeting date of the County Legislature is on November 23rd, and it is the last meeting which falls within the thirty-day period during which the Legislature may override this veto. The veto must be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislature, and that requires twelve votes. Resolution No. 4936 was the last best hope of the people of the East End to retain some control over the airport development. If Dennison's veto is not overridden on November 23rd, we will have a jetport. If the people of this area tell John Klein and H. Beecher Halsey how they feel about this matter, in no uncertain terms, it will help to get the veto overridden. Klein's address is the Suffolk County Legislature, Veterans Highway, Hauppauge, New York 11787. Halsey's is Suffolk County Legislature, Suffolk County Center, Riverhead, New York 11901.

Along with the veto of the airport

resolution Dennison also vetoed, a few days before, another bill that had been proposed to win votes for the East End political incumbents. The bill would have provided funds to reopen the Shinnecock Bridge. The closing of the bridge, and the county's refusal to reopen it or even investigate ways of repairing it so it can be reopened, has already cost some people their life savings - life savings invested in small businesses that have had to close down. There will be more to follow as we reported in last week's paper. More important is the safety of the people on the east side of the bridge who now find fire protection at least ten more minutes away. We hope and pray that it doesn't take a tragic fire to make our politicians see the danger they have placed our East End residents in.

It should be obvious to even the most ignorant cynics that the East End has lost any hope of controlling its destiny. Today we are totally at the mercy of the power brokers of the west end of Suffolk County. They are determining just how we will be cut up and how they will use the East End for their own benefit.

Many of us looked to the fact that Buzz Schwenk, as an East Ender and head of the Republican party in Suffolk County, would be able to offer us some hope of control. This has not come to pass. He has not been able to adequately protect us. We do not know if it is because of the deals a leader has to make to stay in office or if he is ignorant of our problems. We remember a statement he made, in a letter he wrote to Suffolk Life, that Suffolk County airport would become a jetport over his dead body. It is obvious, from what has happened in the last two weeks, that Schwenk does not have control over the county. We may be wrong, but we don't think he will have the power to be able to muster the strength to have the Legislature override these vetoes.

The day has come when we must stop looking to politicians such as Schwenk and Duryea for the salvation of the East End. We must start showing some yankee ingenuity and independence. There is absolutely no question that if we are to be free to control our future we must become a separate county.

Regardless of what Duryea says, the formation of a new county is not only feasible but possible. Already there are many people in eastern Brookhaven Town who would like to go

along with us, and this would give us more than the population needed to satisfy the State Constitution population requirement.


The time for holding hands and putting up with broken political promises is over. Let the people of the East End have the courage and intelligence to do what should have been done long ago - secede and form Peconic County. And why not?

Bad Start

Things appear to be going from bad to worse with regard to planning in Riverhead. Back in 1964 the people of the town spent \$32,000 to gain a comprehensive master plan. The citizens felt, at that time, that they did not want their town to become another west-end slum, and the only thing that could stop it was a good plan for the future. After much ballyhoo and political points being made by the then supervisor, Bob Vojvoda, a plan was presented. The only problem was that the town board never bothered to adopt it. The result was that a mass of acreage was down-zoned, a lot of people got rich, and the plan was thrown out the window.

During the fight over the Lerner proposition the Riverhead First Committee kept referring to planning and the master plan. After this battle was won the Riverhead First Committee came back and demanded that the master plan be updated and adopted. The town board, reading the mood of the people during an election year, decided to have the master plan updated. Monies were appropriated in the '71-'72 budget for this project.

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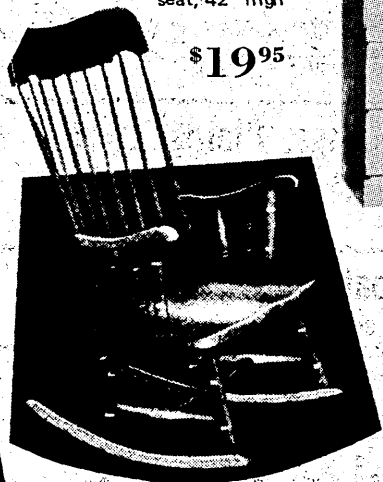
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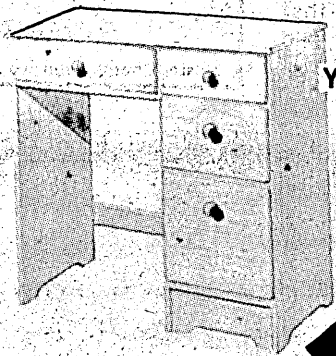
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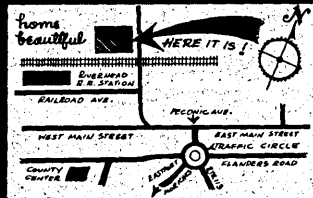


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sort of insight into the true attitudes of the people of the town.

We are sorry to see an outfit, with the good reputation of McCrosky-Reuter, getting off to such a bad start. It makes one wonder just how serious the leaders of Riverhead are about planning. It does point up how important a group like the Riverhead First is and the need for their continual involvement in the workings of the town. And why not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I express my appreciation and gratitude to the many people who supported and contributed to my recent campaign to seek public office.

I did not win, but a voice has been heard with the message that the two-party system in Brookhaven is not in a state of demise. I return to my civic responsibilities with a feeling of confidence and conviction that there are many who desire good and honest government. It is a crusade and as a crusader I am well aware of the frustrations embodied in this type of work. As despair is not my forte, I reject the contention that I predicted that I would lose the election. I admit I was pessimistic because of the size and wealth of the opposing political party. I have never fought a battle to lose, but I believe it is wise to be realistic.

I graciously accept my defeat and wish Mr. Mark Pedish well in the administration of his duties as Receiver of Taxes. I congratulate all the elected officials of the Town of Brookhaven and assure them of my sincere cooperation. The majority have spoken, and so it follows, the duty of all our citizens is to support the Administration realizing the difficult tasks that lie ahead.

I will continue my efforts within the system for effective and constructive changes and I believe that all the people regardless of party affiliation will do likewise.

Very truly yours,
Ferdinand J. Giese

Open Letter:

John V.N. Klein, Chairman
Suffolk County Legislature

Dear Mr. Klein:

The defeat of County Question No. 1 on amending the county charter was a great disappointment to everyone who cares about protecting our shorelines and wetlands. It was unfortunate that the ballot had no explanation to identify the question as being concerned with "wetlands" or "shoreline review."

I was working at the polls on Election Day and I heard many voters express confusion as to the subject of the County Question and I have since spoken to other people who admitted to being completely uninformed.

The three state amendments, which were identified and described on the ballot, were defeated. I believe that many people who voted against the three state questions assumed that the county question was similar in nature and voted "no" without knowing what they were voting against.

Under the amendment the Suffolk County Planning Commission would review zoning, variances, and special permits granted by a local government on land 500 feet or less from any shoreline in the county. The initiating municipality could override the Planning Commission's decision by a vote of a majority plus one. This additional review would help to prevent further exploitation of the shoreline, including rivers, lakes, and bays.

I do not consider the results of the vote a true opinion of the electorate. I urge you to resubmit the referendum to the people to give them an op-

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Somehow work on the plan got started before the money was appropriated. A week before election some homes received a political flyer stating the names of the members of the town board extolling the accomplishments of the Republicans on planning matters. Actually this material was a survey form distributed by the planning firm of McCrosky-Reuter who had been retained by the town. For a firm that is engaged in planning such a brochure struck us as odd. Its timing, distribution and content were quite absurd.

Number 1 - The date for the distribution of this form fell one week before election.

Number 2 - The piece could very easily be mistaken for a political brochure.

Number 3 - The content of the brochure looked conveniently like the Republican ads.

Number 4 - The questions asked are, for the most part, ridiculous. They are printed elsewhere in this week's paper. A layman cannot answer many of them without some definitions as to terminology. We do not believe that this type of questionnaire will give anyone, particularly the planners, any

Willmott's and Why-Not's

By David J. Willmott, Editor

Sales Tax To Rise?

As reported in Suffolk Life last week Nassau County is seriously contemplating raising its sales tax to seven percent. It is reported that Suffolk County Executive elect Klein has informally agreed with Caso, his Nassau counterpart, to go along with a similar raise. The fact that Suffolk has already passed its budget, without a need for additional revenues, did not seem to phase Klein.

Suffolk is in a perilous position. We have a significant unemployment problem, and retail sales to the west are not as strong as might be hoped. Our people are having a tough enough time as it is making ends meet without having their spending power reduced further by additional taxes.

To increase its own chances for economic survival Suffolk should seriously consider giving itself the competitive edge over Nassau. When you consider that we live in an east to west shopping pattern and, because of this, many Suffolk residents go into Nassau to buy, we would lose the benefits of the sales tax. This one percent edge would put us in a significantly better competitive position and would help the entire county. At present, Nassau enjoys a similar situation with respect to Queens and New York City.

Not only must we look at the retail ramifications of any tax increase but also at the industrial and commercial advantages of keeping the tax rate where it is. Industry and commercial enterprises look long and hard at the tax structure of an area before they decide to settle. This one percent difference could quite possibly tip the scale when new business is contemplating a move to Nassau or Suffolk. We complain about taxes when we make the purchases in the hundreds of dollars. When a manufacturer buys taxable items in the thousands and millions of dollars the one percent makes a big difference. Nassau has the competitive edge over Suffolk because of its close proximity to the city. Suffolk would gain the competitive edge with choice commercial and industrial firms if it does not go along with Nassau's tax increase.

Recently Suffolk Life contacted Mr. Klein on this matter. He stated that, at the time of the announcement of this impending tax, he had held only brief discussions with Nassau County Executive Caso but that the tax matter

will be discussed in depth during the next month. At the time Mr. Klein had not decided one way or another.

Suffolk residents had better put the pressure on him, at this time, to make up his mind. There is no logical need for this tax other than to give the politicians extra dollars to squander, and we have had enough of that. Suffolk desperately needs the competitive edge over Nassau as Nassau has over the city. This could be it. Mr. Klein needs your reaction to this situation. We suggest that the next county board meeting be swamped with angry residents - that his office at the county center in Riverhead be flooded with mail telling him how to make up his mind. If we don't, we'll be paying another one percent tax for no good reason. Don't forget that it will take four more years before you get another crack at him at the polls. And why not?

Big Brother Strikes Again

Big Brother, this time in the form of the Health Department, has struck again. It has demanded that five water districts, which have refused to blindly obey the decree to chlorinate their water systems, do so. The Health Department has brought suit, through the Supreme Court, to force the water districts to comply. Two of these water systems, Hampton Bays and Riverhead, lie within Suffolk Life's circulation area. The Riverhead Town Board has rolled over, given up and agreed to go along with it. Hampton Bays, which is controlled by the Southampton Town Board, has shown guts, and they are going to fight it. The other three districts are resisting also.

The water is pure in these districts. There is no need to add chemicals, but the Health Department doesn't seem to care about that. What does matter to them is that they establish their authority and power.

We condemn Riverhead for not having the courage of their convictions. Just because a super agency says you have to comply with its directives doesn't mean that you must. Let the Health Department prove why chemicals should be added to the water. Let them prove that chlorine, if taken in large enough doses is not a poison (which it is) and that it won't have long range effects on people. The

Health Department itself does not have a perfect record. In areas where it should be more careful there are rampant abuses. Let the Health Department clean its own house before enlarging its own powers by decree.

We think Riverhead would be wise to rescind its approval and show its yankee independence, that the east enders are noted for. They should join with Hampton Bays and the other five districts and refuse to poison its water just because Big Brother so ordered it. And why not?


Why The Delays???

The Shinnecock Bridge is an east end problem primarily, but the official attitude that has plagued this project affects every resident of the ten towns of Suffolk County.

Two months ago Suffolk Life assigned George Valyo, a staff reporter, to find out just what the story was. In installments we have read some of the history of this foul-up, its effect upon the residents and the reactions of people to the closing of the bridge. Today's paper unfolds a weird pattern of events revealed in interviews with the contractor on the job.

The new bridge is months behind schedule. Money-saving proposals have been ignored, communication is almost nonexistent, and the whole project is in a state of chaos. Obviously, somebody is at fault. From what we have learned so far it is a combination of lack of direction, ignorance, incompetence and a typical government attitude of "I don't give a

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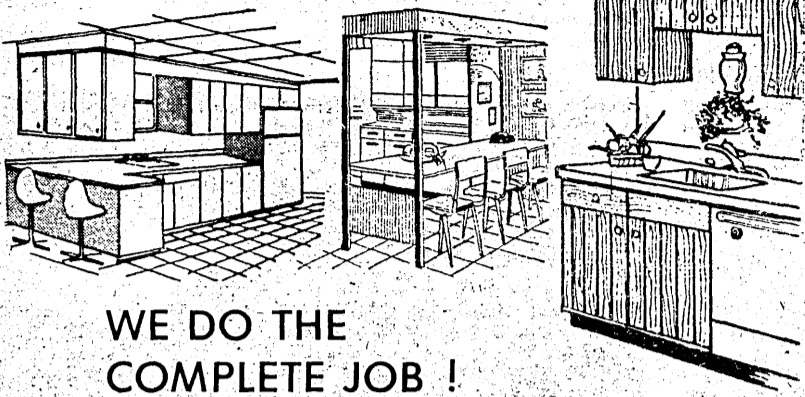
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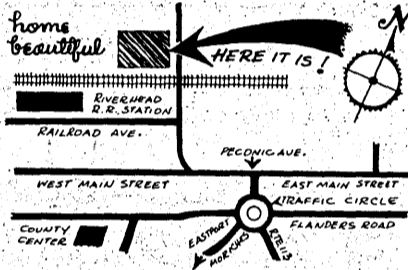
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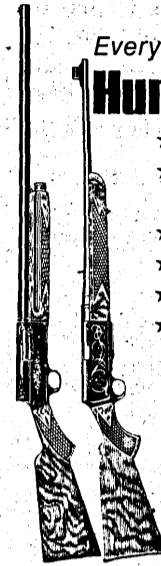
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Kramer, National Stores; Mrs. Linnick, Ninow's; Mrs. Ed. J. Mottl, Agway (Riverhead).

The winners were notified by mail and phoned last Saturday. They picked up their birds at Thompson's in Hampton Bays, IGA of Greenport or White at Middle Island. We hope they enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

This week the participating merchants are giving over \$700 in gift certificates. Winners will be drawn on Friday night so be sure you deposit your coupons in any one of the participating stores. You will also be eligible for the Grand Prize of a 1972 automobile. This is all being done to show our shoppers here on the East End that the merchants appreciate your shopping at home. It is their way of saying "Thank you" for shopping in their stores. Suffolk Life, your regional newspaper, coordinates this promotion for them.

Again, our congratulations to the lucky winners, and, to those who did not win this time, try again. You may be included among the lucky folks who will win over \$700 in gift certificates to be given away each week for the next four weeks and then the Grand Prize of a brand new 1972 automobile.

Christmas Parade

PATCHOGUE -- The Patchogue Chamber of Commerce and the Brookhaven Industrial Commission are among the sponsoring organizations with the Suffolk County Department of Commerce and Industry for the Export Expansion Seminar to be held at the Hauppauge County Center on Thursday, December 2, at 9:30 am.

The program is under the direction of the International Division of the New York State Department of Commerce and is designed to acquaint manufacturers with export opportunities available and explain the techniques, methods and requirements for exporting. The program will begin at 9:30 am and will be over at 11 am. Any processor or manufacturer wishing to attend is asked to call the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce for additional information.

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damn." Before we point the finger of blame at anyone we will give the county an opportunity to tell its side of the story in next week's paper. We believe you will find it interesting reading.

What is more important is the fact that people's lives and well-being are in danger. The closing of the old bridge, before the new bridge was completed, put fire protection for many a good ten more minutes away. Businesses, on both sides of the closed span, have been severely hurt. Some have lost everything; others will follow.

When you consider the fact that there are over 7,000 people on the county payroll, and none of them seem to be able to solve the problem, something is wrong. We hope to find out what. And why not?

Turkey Winners

As you are reading this, the lucky winners of the turkeys given in the Early Bird Contest of our fabulous 8th Annual Eastern Long Island Shopping Spree are either readying their birds for tomorrow's oven or have already reduced the carcass to bones. Each store participating in the first part of

this promotion had a winner. The lucky shoppers who visited those stores are as follows: George Martin, Southold Pharmacy; Loraine Terry, Agway (Southold); Jane Oblom, Leisurely Yours; J. Hammond, Volinski Olds; Santa Herzog, Zukowski; Lori Berman, Creative Mica; Dencie Rogers, Dixco; M. E. Johnson, Sew-Be-It; Margot Harben, Sterling Nursery; R. B. Adams, IGA; Mrs. T. Rohloff, Arcade Dept. Store; John Koch, Whites; John A. Elbe, Mike's; George C. Fordham, Anthony Buick; Ray Lanza, Flaxman; Helen Moccio, House of Pets; Frieda Lamison, Island Chrysler; S. Noll Dodt, King George; Chas. Whittemore, Patchogue Ford; Jennie Munisteri, Swezey's; Evelyn Culver, Acard Jewelers; Sally Thompson, Artie's TV; H. E. Horton, Carl & Bob's; W. Rolfe, Edward Archer; Grace Caluori, Edward's Discount Center; Matthew Rao, Golding's; Emily Evans, Grants; Jerry Abrams, Griffing Hardware; Shirley Smith, Havil's Jewelers; L. M. Picinish, Home Beautiful; M. Leavitt, Ivan's; Geo. W. Frent, Kid Stuff; Alice Raynor, O'Keefe Chev.; Chas. Benner, Peconic Paint; Mary Chaplick, Riverhead Sport Center; Judy Fowler, Schackman's; Pam Kirsch, Swezey's; Margie McGee, Tommasini; G. L'Hommedieu, Villella Bros.; Ginny