

# willmotts and why-nots

David J. Willmott, Editor

## News Print Shortage

We have few recollections of the Second World War other than pasting stamps in books, reading the headlines, and having to squeeze the color into the margarine. But those who do remember, tell us of the severe shortages that hit this country. We wonder if they could be any worse than those that are facing all of us today ... food, fuel, clothing, and, dear to our heart -- news print. News print has become an extremely valuable commodity. Many publishers have ceased publication altogether and just about all have cut back on their press runs and number of pages.

### It's going abroad

Much of the news print from Canada that originally was destined for American markets is being shipped abroad. Due to the devaluation, the Canadians are able to make better profits from this market. We had hoped that when the Canadian railroad ended its strike, our problems would be eased, but unfortunately, some of the paper mills have remained out on strike and the shortages persist. It is going to be one hell of a year of trying to publish a paper. On top of these acute shortages, we have just been notified that news print will go up a whopping \$25 a ton. All other raises that we have experienced with news print have been \$5 per ton.

### We're all in the same boat

In addition, the Post Office, which is the government, announced this past week that they are raising postage rates from 25 per cent to 38 per cent on all classifications of mail. It will be virtually impossible to hold the line on any prices in the future. It appears as though everybody is in the same boat. There is no relief in sight. And why not?

## Becoming Annoyed

We don't know how the average citizen of America feels, but we, for one, are becoming very annoyed at the daily press' trial by headlines. In the

last couple of weeks, the headlines have not left a question in your mind as to whether Agnew was guilty of any wrongdoings -- only how he was going to be convicted.

### Innocent until proven guilty?

We don't pretend to know whether this man has done anything right or wrong, but we do defend his right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If his rights as the Vice President of the United States of America can be violated this easily, what rights do we, as the average citizen, have?

### What's behind it?

We wonder out loud if what is really behind all of the alleged Nixon-Agnew so-called wrongdoings is the fact that Nixon will probably have an opportunity of naming two more Justices to the Supreme Court before his term ends. Is it that the liberal press cannot stand the thought that strict constitutionalists might be appointed, men who would interpret the constitution for what it says rather than what is convenient for it to mean in today's day and age? If they can so discredit Nixon and Agnew, they can totally put in jeopardy anyone who might be nominated to fill these positions with which they did not agree.

### With due process only

Let a jury convict Nixon or Agnew properly and under due process of law -- before the headlines scream out their guilt. And why not?

## We Want The Troopers

It is rumored that the State may soon pull the Troopers out of Eastern Long Island altogether. Most residents consider the Troopers "Super Cops". They are the "no nonsense" boys who are tough, go by the book, demand and command total respect. They have been part of our way of life here on Eastern Long Island for as long as we can remember. They provide superior police protection and almost every resident is indebted to them. This in no


way takes away from our own local police forces that also do an excellent job. Each force enhances the other. Both have the same, and yet distinctly different, areas of responsibility even though at times, they do overlap.

### Getting greedy?

There has been a tremendous move under foot to shove the Suffolk County Police force down the throat of the East End towns. The East End residents voted overwhelmingly to reject the County police force when the issue of creating a County police force came up. The majority of residents still feel very strongly about this. The West End power brokers can't wait to get their greedy hands on, and totally control, the East End. Establishing the West End County police force in the East End would go a long way to making this a reality. There is a very strong possibility that the rumors that the Troopers may be removed from the East End is being perpetuated by the West End power brokers for the purpose of creating a possible need for a County police force in the East End.


### It can be stopped

We strongly urge each resident of the East End to communicate with his State representatives about this matter. Furthermore, the rights of the East End could be protected due to the fact that Assemblyman Perry Duryea is also the Assembly Majority Leader, and if he is so inclined, could almost single-handedly stop the Troopers from being pulled out of the East End. And why not?



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## Vote "YES" for Amendment 8, Election of Counties

This November voters statewide will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" on Amendment No. 8 to remove population requirements for the purpose of creating counties. At present, a new county may be created only if there are enough people within the boundaries to form an assembly district (121,000 on the basis of the 1971 census). This amendment is on the ballot at the request of Eastern Suffolk County residents who wish to form their own county out of the five Eastern Towns.

### Being overwhelmed

There are legitimate reasons for this. The people and the quality of life of those who reside on the East End are far different from those who reside on the West End. The East End is still rural and most residents wish to maintain this type of life. Under the reapportioned county legislature, the East End has been stripped of any meaningful representation. Instead of being able to direct their own destiny, they are being overwhelmed by the power brokers who have enriched themselves and controlled the political machine in Suffolk County. They are having projects jammed down their throats that they neither desire, want, or need.

### No logical reason

A classic example is in the spending of \$4 million of all the Suffolk County taxpayers' monies to widen and expand a rural road called Northville Turnpike. There is no justification, no need, and no logical reason for this. In attempts to find out why this project was selected, it has become more and more apparent that no one knows who is running Suffolk County -- or why. But, a lot of speculation has taken place as to who is profiting from it. At one time this was an issue that only pertained to the East End, but as Suffolk County government has grown larger, more unruly and totally out of control, it would be wise for all the Suffolk County residents to consider breaking various sections of the County into separate counties.

### Shortchanged

The people of Islip have complained bitterly that they are not getting the

representation out of the County that they deserve. In dollars and cents, they are being shortchanged drastically. Brookhaven itself, in mileage, is bigger than the majority of the counties throughout the state. The precedent for breaking counties into smaller subdivisions has been set. Only two counties in the State of New York have never been re-aligned. One is Rockland County and the other is Suffolk County.

### The best form of government

It is a proven fact that the best form of government that people can have for themselves is the form of government that is closest to them because it is more responsive. This is what the residents of the East End are asking for. They want the government that knows what they want and will do as they require.

### Good for the people

Feasibility and economic studies that have been made in the past have indicated strongly that there is both the economic feasibility and the sociological reasons for splitting Suffolk County into two units of government. The only opposition to this move has come from the politicians who have maintained that Suffolk County as a single unit has more clout on the state level. This may be true, but most residents of the East End feel that the reason is that it would be more politically advantageous for some certain individuals to further themselves in state government coming from an oversized county than being residents of a small subdivision comprised of East End towns. The fact that this would be a better form of government, a more economical form of government, and a more manageable form of government for the East End, as well as the West End residents, has made little difference to these powerful state-wide political figures. Their ambitions have overridden what was good for the people.

### Vote "YES"


You and the voters throughout New York State now can determine whether the East Enders will be able to rule themselves or be forevermore

subject to the political domination of a few power brokers. We urge you strongly to vote "YES". You may find that your particular part of the country may need to remove itself for better growth and protection some day also. Vote "Yes" November 6 on Amendment No. 8. And why not?

## Cooperation Personified


We don't like to sound like complainers, but we do think that we, as a newspaper, have bent over backwards to provide the candidates and their parties with free space to present themselves and their views. Some candidates and town leaders have been downright obnoxious in cooperating. It has taken a number of phone calls, after our deadlines, to get their copy in. Some of the copy has come in to us with penmanship that more resembles pig scratching than legible copy.

We have been more than willing to bend because we feel it is of the utmost importance that the voters be given a non-partisan view of all candidates and all parties. We made the rules and regulations as simple as we possibly could to encourage open, frank discussion; and yet, these politicians have made it almost impossible for us to fulfill our program of bringing you, the voters, the candidates and the issues. If this is their attitude before the elections, God help us if some of them are successful in winning the elections. And why not?



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## Things To Think About

We are less than three weeks away from November 6. About now, the issues that stood out so vividly in your mind in the past become blurred with high pressure sales techniques designed to do just that. Thinking back over the last two years of the County government, we hope you will keep in mind the following incidents:

### Increases and losses

Your sales tax has risen by 18 percent and your spendable income was decreased by 1 percent because of it. The County budget for 1974 indicates this was not needed. The '73 budget resulted in a \$33 million surplus of your money that was taken from you when it was not needed, but allowed the present Board of Legislators to make it appear that there was no rise in taxes this year. Seeing that this money has been spent in the coming year's budget, next year we can expect to be faced with a sales tax or real estate tax rise if the incumbents are allowed to go on their merry way. These same incumbents raised their own salaries by 33 percent and gave themselves luxurious cars in which to attend board meetings twice a month and use for whatever else in between.

### Wasteland

The Suffolk County Air Force Base is costing us \$3 million to keep open. A logical, economical plan has not been developed for it. Hundreds of buildings that could have been rented to new small industries are wasting away out of neglect. These industries could have meant employment to thousands of people, and would have been a practical and positive step in reducing Suffolk County's unemployment rate, which is one of the highest in the country.

### For a few

The legislators voted in favor of continuing to shore up the ocean dunes with jetties that have proven to be damaging. They committed your personal taxes to the protection of the homes of a few people. They have denied the public access to the beach over the right-of-ways to the jetties.

### You'll pay for it

The County Legislature persistently has voted millions upon millions of dollars in capital improvement projects that have neither been needed, financially sound, and most important wanted by the people. They have refused to answer questions as to the logic or the reason for the creation of these projects. These capital improvement projects will have to be paid for out of your own real estate taxes and those of your children in the future.

### No representation

The County Legislature has been extremely non-representative of the people. Most of the legislators have been unwilling to attend local meetings pertaining to County projects; they are unavailable for personal consultation, and are totally in debt to the political power brokers they represent.

### Demand representation

Enough damage has been done in Suffolk County to last a lifetime. To continue supporting those that have perpetuated it will have recurring, disastrous effects on not only our own lives, but on the future generations. It is time we, as individuals, stood up and demanded that our County government be representative of us first, last and always, and that we get the government we deserve. You can do this by carefully electing your representatives this year. And why not?

## How An Endorsement Is Made

We take our responsibility in making endorsements very seriously. We know that many of our readers look to Suffolk Life for facts, and based upon these facts, and opinions, make their own personal judgments. We attempt to approach our endorsements as we approach the engaging personnel to staff Suffolk Life -- from an analytical business viewpoint. We attempt to place ourselves in the position of an employer, and the candidate in the position of a job applicant. If a candidate is an incumbent, we try to examine his record, not only for what

he feels has been important, but how he has acted on the various issues during the time he has held this job. In the case of challenger or an inexperienced aspirant for the office, we look into his record as a person and as a personality.


### How they rate

All candidates are rated on a scale from 1 to 5 -- 5 being the highest obtainable rate. The rating is based on the following: ability, ethics, personality, ability to represent, awareness of the issues and solutions, alertness, credibility, stability of personality, ambition, desire to represent, general appearance, ability to communicate, creativity of ideas, experience, practicality, common sense, economics, independence and political philosophies.

### Face to Face


We have requested each candidate to answer questions that have been carefully thought out to give both a practical and philosophical viewpoint of the aspirant. These questionnaires, and the answers, were published to help you reach your own independent decision. In addition, we invited all candidates for County Legislature and Supervisor in for personal interviews. During these interviews, we asked the candidates to go into depth on some of the questions that were published. This was done to determine whether they had given just textbook answers, or if they really believed what they had said. Also, we asked these people additional questions, both on the issues

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and on political and philosophical standards, that would influence their voting once in office. Based on the candidates' answers to the questionnaires and the personal give-and-take of an hour-long interview with our News Department, we have reached our conclusions. The candidates we have chosen to endorse are in our judgment, the best choices in the races in which they are running. Rather than just accepting our support of these candidates, we hope that you yourselves will carefully examine the answers the candidates themselves gave to the questions we asked, and make up your mind independently. We also hope you keep very much in mind the fact that candidates who refused to come forth and expose themselves to you and your fellow voters, are not worthy of any consideration. These candidates are counting on your supporting them blindly. They have no respect for your independence or intelligence. You are entitled to, and deserve, better representation than this. And why not?

Endorsements will be published next week for Supervisor and County Legislator candidates.

## letters

### Dog shelter needed

Dear Sir:

I think it is about time that we provided a dog shelter here in the Town of Southold for our stray animals.

It would give these poor animals a chance to be adopted and live, rather than be picked up by the dog warden and destroyed.

According to the Town Supervisor, Mr. Martocchia, the plans for one have already been drawn up and he is striving to allocate funds from the 1974 budget to have it built.

I hope all of you who have a concern for these poor creatures would urge Mr. Martocchia to make these funds available, and build this much-needed shelter.

Sincerely,  
June Sanger

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# ELECTION DAY = Tuesday, November 6

# Facts For Voters '73

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- Pull large handle to close curtains—do not move it again until you have finished voting. You have three minutes in which to vote. If you need help, call out—DO NOT OPEN THE CURTAINS.
- Move levers marked YES or NO when voting on the Proposition and the Amendments.
- Move lever which is next to or above the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote.
- If you change your mind, you may change the position of the levers.
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A Proposition is a law which must be approved by the voters; it does not amend the Constitution. Amendments to the New York State

Constitution are submitted to the voters after receiving the approval of two separately elected Legislatures.

**Note your vote:** you may take this leaflet into the voting machine with you, but do not leave it there!

### PROPOSITION #1: TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE

authorizes creation of \$3.5 billion state debt for construction and improvement of transportation facilities throughout the state (\$1.4 billion for highways; \$2.1 billion for mass transit). Legislation, effective only if voters approve bond issue, would provide the first direct state subsidy for operating costs to maintain a 35¢ fare on subways and buses and to keep the commuter railway rates at present levels for at least two years. Local governments would match the state contribution.

**Supporters say** . . . that mass transportation is vital to the State's economy . . . that air quality standards cannot be met without massive new reliance on mass transit . . . that operating expenses must be subsidized by government if fares are to be kept within reach of low and moderate income people . . . that potential bankruptcies of railroads can be avoided by aid for freight operations and state purchase of abandoned rights of way . . . that money allocated for highways will generate many times as much in federal funds for unfinished and long planned projects.

yes  no

**Opponents say** . . . that state borrowing must end . . . that approval of this bond issue could increase total state debt to over \$9 billion . . . that the 2 year fare guarantee is only a stopgap measure and a comprehensive long range state transportation plan is overdue . . . that through federal matching funds more money for highways will be available than for mass transportation which should have a higher priority . . . that the use of bond proceeds for operating expenses, even indirectly, is probably unconstitutional . . . that formulas for local government matching funds may prove a hardship on communities.

### AMENDMENT #1: EXCLUSION OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR SEWAGE FACILITIES FROM LOCAL CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT LIMITS

amends Article VIII, 5, (e) to allow local governments to continue to exclude from their constitutional debt limits their share of the cost of facilities for the conveyance, treatment and disposal of sewage contracted for by January 1, 1983.

**Supporters say** . . . that this exclusion is a necessary step to continue the intent of the Pure Waters program begun in 1965 and furthered by the 1972 Environmental Bond Act . . . that it will permit local governments to finance sewers, pumping plants, etc., outside the debt limits set by the Constitution and thus free their borrowing power for other essential municipal purposes . . . that, because of the complexity and high cost of sewage facility projects, many projects cannot be completed unless the debt limit exclusion is continued for another 10 years.

yes  no

**Opponents say** . . . that constitutional debt limits safeguard the financial stability of local governments and should not be violated . . . that local property taxes are already too high and too many demands are being made upon this inequitable tax . . . that this amendment has already been rejected once by the voters.

### AMENDMENT #2: WAIVER OF GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

amends Article I, 6, to permit defendants accused of serious offenses, other than ones punishable by death or life imprisonment, to consent to be prosecuted without exercising the constitutional right to have a grand jury decide whether there is enough evidence to bring them to trial.

**Supporters say** . . . that this option would allow the defendant to avoid the delay of waiting for a grand jury to meet . . . that safeguards exist in that the defendant must sign the waiver in open court in the presence of counsel and the district attorney must agree . . . that grand jury screenings often duplicate other preliminary hearings before judges.

yes  no

**Opponents say** . . . that indictment by grand jury is a basic historic right, established to protect individuals, and should not be optional . . . that prosecutors might use plea bargaining to pressure defendants to give up this right . . . that this amendment does not require alternative screening procedures.

### AMENDMENT #3: IMPROVEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

amends Article VII, 8, (3) to permit the State's Job Development Authority (which makes low-interest loans to finance new industries or to rehabilitate existing ones) to make loans up to 40% of total project costs, instead of the current 30%. The powers of the Authority would be broadened to include loans for new buildings for research and development and for machinery and equipment.

**Supporters say** . . . that this amendment would keep New York in a competitive position with nearby states to attract new business and

yes  no

to encourage existing industries to remain . . . that new and expanded industry will improve job opportunities . . . that the Authority's financial record has been good.

**Opponents say** . . . that the Authority has not had a great impact on the State's economy . . . that private financing can do the job as well . . . that there is too high a degree of risk in loans for machinery and equipment.

### AMENDMENT #4: JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT COURT AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE JUDGES THEREOF

amends Article VI, 16, (d), (h), to increase the monetary jurisdiction of the District Court from \$6,000 to \$10,000 and to increase the terms of its judges from six to ten years. At present the District Court is established only in Nassau and part of Suffolk Counties.

**Supporters say** . . . that the increase in jurisdiction of the District Court would relieve the congestion in the County Court which is overburdened with criminal cases . . . that the District Court is a fulltime

yes  no

professional court and the judges' terms should be similar to those in other major trial courts.

**Opponents say** . . . that more important civil cases belong in a higher court and the District Court should handle lesser amounts only . . . that the District Court has a large enough volume of business already . . . that shorter terms of office are appropriate for lower courts.

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## Endorsements Recapped

In each of our local editions, readers will find endorsements at length, spelling out the specific reasons why we have chosen certain candidates. For the benefit of the entire area, we have recapped these endorsements below.

### SUPERVISORS

**Shelter Island - Huschle (C)** better manager, more executive abilities.

**Southold - Martocchia (R)** planned for growth, no credible opposition.

**Riverhead - Leonard (D)** has listened to the people, kept politics out of his office.

**East Hampton - Hope (D)** recognizes the problems, has answers and executive abilities.

**Southampton - Hulse (C)** committed himself 100 percent to the job, met unbearable odds like a man; can we ask any more?

**Brookhaven - Randolph (D)** leader of men, honest and imaginative.

**Islip - Cohalan (R)** best of all candidates for office, replaced politics with professionalism.

### COUNTY LEGISLATORS

**1st District - Tyte (C)** two decades of experience, 100 percent for the residents.

**2nd District - Donohue (D)** equal representation for all areas, common sense approach.

**3rd District - Weisberg (D)** most intelligent of all candidates, experienced.

**4th District - Manelski (C)** alert to problems, is his own boss.

**5th District - Steinberg (D)** involved, aware, vigorous, desire to represent.

**6th District - no endorsement.**

**7th District - no endorsement.**

**8th District - Rosalia (D)** dynamo, concerned, leadership.

## Vote "YES" Amendment 8 - Erection of Counties

We strongly urge both the East End and West End voters to support Amendment No. 8. This, for the East End, will allow its residents to create a separate county from that of Suffolk. The economics, feasibility and logic behind this move are sound. It is the only way that the East End residents can influence their own fate and future destiny. Of particular value to West End residents, the creation of Peconic

County will insure they will have a rural place close at hand to visit and enjoy. If conditions are allowed to continue, the power brokers of the West will cement over and ruin the East End as they have done the West. It is to all our benefit that the East End become a separate county. Vote "Yes" Constitutional Amendment No. 8 on the ballot. And why not?

## Vote "NO" Transportation Bond Issue - Proposition No. 2

You are being asked to create the legislation necessary for the state to borrow more money than it has ever before in its history -- \$3,500,000.00. This will increase the state's present long-term indebtedness by almost 50 percent. This will have to be paid back out of your income taxes, your children's income taxes and their children's income taxes. The money will create a hodgepodge of projects allegedly to improve the transportation conditions in New York State. The plan is shortsighted, unimaginative and will not work any better than the last billion dollar transportation bond issue that you passed. Even more serious is part of these funds will be used to subsidize present mass transit fares. It is financially suicidal to finance current needs through long-range borrowing.

This will catch up with us quickly and can bankrupt both the individual and the state. It is imperative that you vote "No" on this issue. Under no circumstances should the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is not responsible or answerable directly to the people, be given the power this money can buy. The leadership in the state led by Rockefeller has shown its ineptness in even placing this bond issue before the public. Positively vote "No" on Proposition No. 1. And why not?

## Nation Shocked

Even avid supporters of Richard Nixon were shocked and dismayed beyond belief at the events of last weekend. It is incredible that a political pro who has had years of public experience, would be arrogant enough to believe that the public would buy his firing of Cox. No man is above the law, and least of all the President of the United States. Nixon has totally lost the confidence of the people, lost it by his own political blunders and disregard for the people who have supported him and respected his abilities and his integrity. We doubt whether any more public appeals, complete with references and calling on the Almighty in public for guidance, will convince the people of his sincerity. It's sad, very sad, to see a man who had such capabilities destroy himself in office. The public's trust, no matter how powerful you are, cannot be taken lightly. And why not?

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