



**Willmott's
and Why-Not**
BY DAVID J. WILLMOTT, Editor

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

Each year we set aside the first Monday of September to honor all those who labor to make America great. The American Labor movement has every reason to be proud that it raised the worker to a place of human dignity receiving just wages and toiling in decent working conditions. Infant labor fought valiently against the barons of big business to unshackle the chains of child and near slave labor of many adults. Labor is still fighting to get the best of what life has to offer for its members.....and rightly so!

These great accomplishments of Labor would be non-existent if we didn't live in a land of free enterprise - a land where men are endowed with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are a nation that recognizes the value of human dignity and individuality. Man's greatest accomplishments, even in space as our latest Gemini flight proves, stem from his ability to think for himself; to be cognizant of a problem and find a solution.

Labor, with its long glorious history of championing the rights of men, now wants to abolish the rights of individuals to be union or not union. Revision of Section 14-b of the Taft-Hartley Law is incongruous with the American way of life and with the principles of Labor which were born out the small man's need to be protected against the all powerful. Labor is no longer an infant. What it wants and gets brings drastic changes. Labor must consider more than immediate gains for its members and not trample on the right of individuals to be union or non-union. And Why Not?

NO COMMUNITY IS IMMUNE

We congratulate our Suffolk Police on their latest efforts to keep our County free of dope. For many of us who call Eastern Long Island home it was a terrific shock to realize that we are not immune to contamination by the evils of big city life. However, only a small minority of the party goers are suspected of using and possessing narcotics drugs, hashish, or LSD. Many youngsters thought they were just attending another summer party. Unfortunately, since it happened in staid, beautiful East Hampton the newspapers have given the story page one coverage. We hope our police force and Suffolk residents will continue to be vigilant in their war against crime. We also hope that this one incident will not cause people to misjudge what is still a wonderful place to live; an area that is well policed and well protected. And Why Not?

REWARD RAISED

Mrs. Seymour Cromwell, widow of the late Seymour Cromwell, who was murdered last winter in his Bridgehampton home, has raised the reward on any information leading to the arrest of the guilty one or ones from \$3,000 to \$20,000. Seventh Squad Detectives have been worked untiringly on this

case but so far have not found the killer or killers. If you have any information about this murder case, please contact Captain Schmidt of the Seventh Squad in Riverhead. The telephone number is PA 7-0100. And Why Not?

SOUTHOLD GALA PARADE

Saturday, August 21st, Southold was the scene of a colorful, spectacular parade with dazzling floats, swinging bands, high steppers, and many important officials and dignitaries. It was one of the most impressive parades in the history of the North Fork. The occasion was the celebration of Southold's 325th Anniversary. SUFFOLK LIFE salutes all the people of Southold for the splendid civic pride they have in their community. Most have worked very hard on the various affairs to commemorate Southold's 325th Anniversary. They deserve the thanks of every Eastern Long Islander for making our area a more interesting and better place to live. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

August 18, 1965

Dear Sir:

I have read with great pleasure the comments of two very intelligent readers of your paper who submitted their views regarding a jet port for Suffolk County. May I add my voice to theirs and state that if such a thing were to take place the result to this community would be near caotic.

Now sir, may I ask if you have ever lived near Kennedy Airport or any large air port? If not, you have missed a great chance to test your nervous system without the aid of a psychiatrist.

Picture, if you will, a long line of huge jets flying over our peaceful community day after day, night after night, rain or shine. Do you know the noise and vibrations they create? Did I forget to mention

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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE,
BY THE PEOPLE AND
FOR THE PEOPLE**

Law makers are supposed to reflect the wishes of their constituents. The recent sales tax makes us wonder if the politicians have turned a deaf ear to the people of New York State. Everyone has been against the sales tax from its first increasing rumor. Sales taxes in New York City over the past years have driven many consumers to suburbia to do their shopping. Now there is no escape for anyone. The idiotic application of the law shows up everywhere, even at the supermarket. Did you know that chocolate and candy covered peanuts are taxable while plain salted peanuts are not? Obviously the first two are classified as candy and the last as a vegetable...but we don't know too many people that are serving buttered peanuts along with meat and potato. We could go on and on. However, SUFFOLK LIFE is sure all of its readers have already found the tax to be irritating and obnoxious.

November will be here soon and we hope that all legislators will feel the wrath of their constituents by not being reelected to office. To make sure the representatives of the First Assembly District know how you feel, fill out the below coupon. Mail the coupon to SUFFOLK LIFE. We will forward it to the candidates who are running for State Senate and State Assembly. We will also publish the results of the survey in forth-coming editions.

CHECK THE ANSWER OF YOUR CHOICE

- We are for the REPEAL of the sales tax.
- We are in favor of the sales tax.

Clip out Coupon and mail to SUFFOLK LIFE, Box 167, Riverhead, N. Y.

WHY NOT SUFFOLK ?

Labor Day marks the end of the summer season and the beginning of those golden autumn days. Fall is a marvelous time of the year. Nature adorns our landscape in a brilliant array of colors. Cool but not cold temperatures make ideal weather for tramping through the countryside and investigating quaint villages. Travel sections of newspapers and magazines are filled with advertisements and publicity about scenic New England, Up-State New York, Pennsylvania, and Canada. Suffolk is as beautiful as any of the areas mentioned, if not more so, with its mile after mile of

windswept beaches, picturesque towns, and woods ablaze with a dazzling golden and crimson foliage. Suffolk restaurants, motels, and shops would gladly welcome a longer tourist season. Unfortunately, we never take advantage of our fall assets. Business dies off after Labor Day and doesn't resume until the following summer. Neither private enterprise nor Suffolk County has done anything to promote our area as a year round vacation land.

We wish we could report a drastic change of our Town Supervisor's attitude on promoting Tourism but we cannot. The Suffolk County Budget proposed for the next fiscal year includes only a small provision for the Tourist Industry as part of the Industrial Commission allotment. In order for the County to promote Tourism effectively, it needs a separate department with its own budget. This lack of foresight is ridiculous. Our economy desperately needs a shot in the arm to insure a prosperous future. Most residents, especially in Eastern Suffolk, do not want heavy industry that will mar our beautiful landscape and put additional burdens on our tax structure. In the same token, we all want more job opportunities for ourselves and our children. A properly promoted, successful Tourist Industry would open up new businesses, positions, and bring in a great deal of money.

We cannot escape growth and progress. However, we can control the kind of development that changes today into tomorrow. We urge you to write to the Supervisor of your Town and tell him that you want the budget amended to include the necessary monies to effectively promote the Tourist Industry in Suffolk County. And Why Not ?



**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

Hampton Bays, N. Y.
August 27, 1965

Sirs:

I just finished reading a recent edition of Suffolk Life and now find myself writing a letter to the editor as did Mr.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

We hope you enjoy this appropriate guest editorial written by Edna Yeager. Next week is Constitution Week. A time set aside to commemorate our Country's glorious heritage.

President Johnson has again proclaimed the Week, from September 17th, Citizenship Day, through September 23rd, as Constitution Week. Americans from the 50 States will join in celebrating Constitution Week in commemoration of the Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787. The Week is dedicated to the Constitution and to "We the people" who live under the best of all written guides to a government of law that the World has ever known.

To many of our citizens the observance will pass unnoticed; to others, it may be only the reading of a brief article in a paper. To Daughters of the American Revolution, Constitution Week, which they initiated in 1955, will mean dedication to the principles of this great document, a silent prayer of gratitude, and an earnest petition to God that the sacrifices and pledge of, "my life, my fortune, and my sacred honor" will not have been made in vain.

The greatest chapter in American History is the story of the making and ratification of the Constitution and the addition of the first Ten Amendments. Many of the States demanded that these amendments, constituting the Bill of Rights be added as a safe-guard against the abuses of National Power only. It does not take from the Congress any powers hitherto granted.

We, today, are faced with the grave problem of the defense of our Constitutional Government within our own country. Let us not forget for one moment our hard won freedom, and let not this freedom slip through our fingers, with desire for easy living and material gains. One who reads the Constitution closely will discover that each word or clause in it was carefully designed to protect the individual - his life, his liberty, and his property. It has been altered from time to time so that the protection may be more complete.

The Constitution is the perfect match for the American people, for we have in this country a new breed of men blended from all peoples into a new people. Other countries, including Canada, Mexico, Australia, India, and many Central and South American countries have used our Constitution as an example for their own, for it, as you know, is the oldest Constitution still in active use. France, Belgium and Switzerland have placed many provisions from it into their own Constitu-

tions. In some of these countries, the basic principles have not worked as well for them as for us because their culture apparently was less adaptable to our form of Government.

The Constitution preserving the heritage of the past is a guarantee of progress for the future. In these times, even in government, there are people who try to imply that although the Constitution may have been well and good for the past, it is not dynamic enough for the complex challenges of the future. Nothing could be farther from the truth, and a re-reading of it by all people would show them that the Constitution remains their best lesson for the future.

ELECTION 1965

Healthy competition between the Republican and Democratic Parties is the necessary catalyst for good government. We were dismayed to learn that the Suffolk Democratic Party is pressed to find candidates for the fall election. Only a fair fight between qualified candidates will insure the electorate of sound government. Corruption and graft is the child of apathy. How can the public be concerned with an election whose outcome is predetermined before the campaign? How can an elected official do his best when he is not prodded by his watchdog political opponents? No one is perfect but competition in business and government makes sure the consumer-voter is offered the very best at the lowest price.

Suffolk's growth is skyrocketing. This County can flourish under a strong two party system. However, we need effective political leaders to build a dynamic Democratic Party. One that can really compete with the Suffolk Republicans. Suffolk County Democratic Leader, Lawrence Delaney cannot do the job alone. He needs 100% cooperation on all local levels. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shirley, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading Willmott's and Why-Nots concerning his "Government of the People, by the People and for the People", in the Sept. 8, 1965 issue.

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SALES TAX

Two weeks ago we initiated a survey on the recent sales tax. The results for the first seven days are as follow: 1086 coupons against the sales tax and 9 coupons for the tax. If all these people took the time, money, and interest to send us the coupon, many more residents are going to vote against the candidates who are for the tax. The people of Eastern Suffolk do not want a 2% sales tax. They do not want ever increasing state services that must be paid for by ever increasing taxes. Assemblyman Perry B. Duryea, a very able legislator, did not represent the people of the First Assembly District when he voted for the 2% sales tax in the last session. This fall he is running for reelection but he should take a firm stand to repeal the tax which his constituents find so irksome and expensive. His half-hearted proposal that some items be eliminated and that businessmen receive a 1% rebate will not suffice. We hope Duryea will take a positive stand against the entire sales tax before election day.

SUFFOLK LIFE will be happy to print any candidate's views on the sales tax.

SUPERVISORS' RACE

As election day draws near, most Towns have picked their contestants to run the Supervisors' race. In Brookhaven Town, the Democrats have chosen Ray Batt, a young, colorful attorney from Shirley, to oust popular, incumbent Charles Dornin - a long time Republican standard bearer. Democrats of Riverhead surprised everyone by naming Mrs. Patricia Tormey, wife and mother, to upset Republican incumbent Robert Vojvoda. Mrs. Tormey is the first women ever nominated by a major Long Island party to run for Supervisor. Republican Dean of the Suffolk County Board Everett Griffing of Shelter Island faces Malvin A. Nevel. As of this edition the other Towns have not had their nominating conventions but the roster should be complete very soon. Look for news and views of the candidates for Supervisor in SUFFOLK LIFE between now to election day.

NO SURPRISE

A recent industrial survey and seminar backed up SUFFOLK LIFE's contentions 100% ... that Tourism in Eastern Suffolk should be promoted as a primary industry. The survey consulting firm pointed out that Eastern Suffolk is a natural vacationland but that it must be publicized in order

for its potential to be realized. Right now any tourist business it enjoys is purely accidental.

We hope the Industrial Commission and the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors will act upon this pertinent information and allot the necessary monies to properly promote Eastern Long Island as one of the World's greatest vacationlands. And Why Not?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rocky Point, N.Y.
Sept. 16, 1965

Dear Editor:

Suffolk's very heavy rainfall pattern, proposed Democrat nominee A. Beame with straight face, could be saved for Manhattan by damming Suffolk County's underground streams. Now he's a growing force that had better be reckoned with. But the following clear facts aren't enough; it's going to take organized voters' alertness.

In Suffolk, its rainfall and its underground streams are as far apart as A. Beame to Suffolk's natural fact of life. As in New York's watersheds, Suffolk is getting too little rain. But its residents must depend completely on another lifeline, one which filters through to the underground streams from the Atlantic, not from rainfall, and pumped up to each and every home along water company systems of private pumps. Damming this wouldn't catch a single drop of rainfall but cut off Suffolk, from water.

So Democrat nominee for Manhattan Mayor stands for damming our water and and Suffolk be damned!

Sincerely,
Michael Samin

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NICE TRY

The Civil Service Employees Association of Suffolk County wants a thirty-five hour work week plus several other fringe benefits. It has requested that the Board of Supervisors consider these changes in its coming budget hearings.

Lowering the work week of civil service employees by five hours would necessitate increasing the work force by 12½ percent in order to keep up with county business. Now, we are all in favor of hiring more people, buying more office equipment, and creating more office space when there is more work to be done, but not under these circumstances ... and when it will mean increased taxes for every Suffolk resident to foot the bill. Civil service employees are already enjoying a thirty hour work week during summer months, an average of a month off for vacation days, sick leave, leave for a death in the family, leave for personal business matters, plus hospitalization, life insurance, and many other benefits. Once he passes the civil service test, he is insured of a job for life, which is quite a benefit in itself.

Most Suffolk residents have very few fringe benefits. We, whose taxes are going to support civil service employees work longer hours, have less vacation and sick days, have to purchase our own life insurance and hospitalization, and are far from guaranteed a life-time position.

We urge every Suffolk citizen who does not want his taxes raised by at least 10% next year to inform his Supervisor that he is against lowering the civil service work week by five hours. Don't hope that it can't possibly happen. That's what a lot of us said about the 2% sales tax and that became an expensive reality. Don't delay - act today. And Why Not.

5 WEEKS TO GO

With the exception of East Hampton, every Town has picked its contenders for the 1965 election races. Southold Republicans have incumbent Supervisor Lester Albertson while the Democrats chose well known Pat Gorman to run for Supervisor. Over on the South Shore there will be a new Republican nominee for the first time in 16 years. Supervisor Meschutt has decided not to run for a ninth term. In his place will be Robert Cameron, the Village Mayor. Opposing Cameron will be the Democratic nominee, Thomas McGowan, a local real estate operator and former urban renewal director of Huntington. Republican Eddie

Ecker of East Hampton is up for re-election as Supervisor, but the Democrats out east haven't found anyone to oppose him.

We hope all the races will be fought on issues and not revert to the personality contests of yesteryear. One of Suffolk's most controversial problems - whether to fight progress and try to retain our status quo or to encourage the tourist and other industries while exerting strict controls over how our area develops. Every candidate should speak out on the problems and what they intend to do about them.

Sept. 30th and Oct. 2nd are registration days. All districts will be open. If you have not been previously registered and exercised your franchise to vote, you will be ineligible to choose the man who will shape your future.

Suffolk is at a very crucial point. We need wise leaders and interested citizens. Be sure you are registered to vote on Election Day. And Why Not?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



September 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Willmott:

The Conservative Party's stand on the Sales Tax is "Kill It". Our platform calls for its repeal as well as all the tired politicians from Rockefeller on down to the local level who more and more feed on this tax for their survival.

Please remember the federal income tax, the N. Y. State income tax, the sales tax, gasoline and motor vehicle taxes as well as many other direct and indirect taxes have all been imposed during this past generation. These taxes increase while at the same time unbalanced budgets and huge public debts also increase. This taxation without true representation must be stopped.

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