Ruth Carpenter van Litt (1867-1937)

East Patchogue Suffragist Leader & Pioneer Woman Politician
Political Dynamo & Power-Broker

• In 1918 she led the 1st registration of women for the Republican primaries.
• In 1920, the very year women got the vote, Ruth Litt was the 1st woman to sit on the NYS Republican Executive Committee.
• In 1924, she wrangled with State & County Republican officials, was denied delegate status to the National Republican Convention, though she won in Suffolk. Her chief opponent was properly vilified and was never again elected to office.
• She became Vice-Chair, Suffolk County Republican Committee.
• In 1929, she was 1 of 16 world delegates founding the Berlin Open Door International (to promote world equal rights for women in industry).
• A founder of Patchogue’s Christian Science Church. (Ocean & Roe Aves.)

Sources: Patchogue Advance, May 24, 1918: 3; April 2, 1937: 1,2..
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