

# THOSE GUNS AGAIN!

An Editorial

LET'S REGISTER women's stockings! No, I'm absolutely serious. I've just finished reading about half a dozen of the true crime and detective magazines and the number of women who were strangled, cold-bloodedly murdered by having their stockings wrapped around their necks, was simply appalling. That's why I say "LET'S REGISTER WOMEN'S STOCKINGS!"

But I go further. I demand that every store selling stockings take the names and addresses of every purchaser and file that information with the police. In fact, why shouldn't such purchases be controlled by the police. Thus a woman needing stockings could go to her nearest police station and there get a permit to buy her stockings. In addition to the obvious revenue aspect, this would serve to pinpoint the location of what is actually one of the major crime weapons in the nation.

I agree that this would have no effect on preventing murder. After all the women are the victims, not the killers. But that's not important. What we're trying to do here is control the weapon itself. It's the weapon that does the job of the killing, and if we keep stockings out of the hands of murderers and rapists, why, they'd have to — well, anyway, they'd have to do something.

I'm not kidding at all when I say compare the number of murders committed with stockings to the number committed with guns. Believe it or not stockings come out the winner (not as many as knives or blunt instruments) but they do pretty well for themselves.

But then, guns are pretty evil things compared to stockings. Why, for example, guns can be used to defend one's country, or even one's home. To say nothing about sport. What kind of sport can you have with stockings? (Veterans of World War II's Battle of Europe don't answer that, please!)

Yes sirree, Bob, (to say nothing of Tom and Lyndon) guns are wicked things, indeed. Why, if, a lunatic get a hold of one, he can commit a horrible crime. You know what I mean. They make sickening reading.

But raping a six year old girl and then strangling her with a stocking. That's the work of a sick man, mentally sick, an outright lunatic. If you catch a man who did that (and luckily they usually do) you mustn't blame him or his weapon. He's out of his mind and should be sent to an asylum where he can be cured (sic!) and then be released so that he can take his rightful place in society!!! and wander free as the birds among a helpless public. The stockings? They're not even considered!

So let's register women's stockings and guns and knives and automobile jacks and while we're at it every stone and rock in the entire nation. They're all murder weapons.

People, forget about them. They never do any thing wrong. People don't commit crimes. Weapons do!

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**BUT !!! For All You Sportsmen — Here is a Golden Opportunity !!!** Assemblyman Frank Walkley will be here in Andover at the Town Hall, Friday, February 24th, at Noon!

Why not stop in and tell him how you feel about some of the Crazy Gun — Restriction Laws that are being proposed in Congress?

## THE ANDOVER NEWS

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### 50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 16, 1917

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Miss Helen Hurd and Leonard Snyder of Wellsville were united in marriage Monday, February 12. The couple were attended by Carl Snyder and Miss Laura Hurd.

Damage approximately \$7,500 was caused early Monday morning as a result of a fire that originated in the Gens Furnishing and Clothing Store of the Calhoun Clothing Co. on the corner of Main and Center Street. The clothing stock was a total loss and C. W. Williams Store badly damaged.

Andover registered a 21 Below Zero Monday night.

Giles H. Kaple has purchased the Lemule West Farm in West Almond. Mr. Kaple has been working S. S. Scribner's farm south of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. David Patterson, of Elm Valley are the parents of a son born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeRemer are the parents of a son, John Willard, born Monday, February 5th.

Miss Mary Casey of Hornell visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Casey of South Hill Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burkhardt of Buffalo have been visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Glenn Rager.

J. W. Deming and Leroy Deming have been in Friendship this week with their brother, Dr. C. C. Deming who is critically ill.

Mrs. Richard Boshier and daughter, Elizabeth, of Munsey, Ind. are visiting her father, David Corwin, and other Andover relatives.

C. S. Slaughter left Thursday for a few days visit with friends and relatives in Trumansburg.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 18, 1927

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert were honored at a Farewell Party Tuesday evening at the I. O. O. F. Hall. After 20 years of service in this community, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert leave today, to make their future home at Ithaca, at the Odd Fellows Home.

Lightning struck the cow barn, belonging to John F. Baker Wednesday night, demolishing one side of the barn and killing two valuable cows standing in the stable.

Andover relatives have received an announcement of a son, Harold C. Jr., born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitecomb of Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Kathryn McCormick from near Rexville is visiting her sister Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Hargan of West Greenwood.

Ephraim Wallace of Andover is spending a few days with his brother, James, of Independence.

The neighbors of D. E. Livermore of Independence gave him a pleasant surprise Saturday evening.

George Crandall, 47, died Saturday, February 6th. His wife two sons and a brother survive.

Miss Bertha Barney of Woodhill is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livermore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vincent of New Rochelle, N. Y., sailed from San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 12th, on a pleasure trip to Honolulu and Japan. En-route to the Pacific Coast, they enjoyed a visit with Mark Boyd at Grand Canyon, Arizona and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brundage at Los Angeles.

Miss Sylvia Hardy has returned from a visit with friends and relatives in New York City and Ruthford, N. J. Mrs. M. F. Livermore, who has been in Andover since the death of her mother, accompanied her and after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rodney Robinson at Ruthford, returned to her home at Brazil, Indiana.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 12, 1937

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Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Wallace of West Union moved into the Earle Greene house in Independence Sunday.

## Albany Insight

by Johannes Loursen



### CHANGES IN ALBANY

There have been a few changes in recent years, affecting the lives of legislators, and more are scheduled to come. The New York Thruway is one circumstance which has made life easier for the legislators who hibernate in Albany part of the week and spend the other part in their home districts. It altered the traveling habits of many who used to take a New York Central train from West or South, arriving in Albany about 11 a.m. Mondays. Now, legislators from within a much wider radius find that they can drive to Albany in a reasonable time.

Once there, the traditional hotels are still favored, the DeWitt Clinton by the Democrats and the Tne Eyck by the Republicans, but the newer Inn Towne Motor Inn also draws a sizable number, and other prefer the Wellington or other hostilities. Few legislators have taken to apartments because of the difficulties of housekeeping and the limited time they have in Albany.

### NEW OFFICE BUILDING

Many legislators can hardly wait for what will really improve their working conditions in Albany, the new Legislative Office Building, which will be next to the Capitol as part of the South Mall project. Work on the foundations has started and building of the superstructure is scheduled to begin this Fall with completion set for the Fall of 1969. Thus, the legislators should be able to use the building from the opening of the session in January 1970. In the new building will be a private office for each legislator, and, incidentally, all offices will be on the same floor, but presumably some locations will be better than others, and senior members may have more than one office, so seniority will still command better treatment.

In the present quarters in the Capitol, older members who are committee chairmen have by far the best selections, while newer members are crowded, several to a room — but all have their own desks. Most offices are rather drab, burdened with heavy desk and chairs, and a few decorations, but there are exceptions, such as Senator Clinton Dominick's office which is decorated with Newburgh scenes painted by the Senator.

Mrs. Clarence Wittie passed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Updyke and Mrs. Flora Armstrong of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Amesbury and family of Bolivar were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Green of Davis Hill.

Dewey Northrup, Clifford Burdick, Harry Smith and Robert Spicer attended a Milk Control Meeting at Binghamton, Thursday.

Hildred Hann of Walton, N. Y. visited his father, Emory Hann and other Andover relatives the first of the week.

Mrs. Howard Enos and family of Richburg spent several days last week at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith.

D. W. Haist was called to Canisteo last week by the death of his sister, Mrs. Daniel Trumm.

C. D. Erskin of Elm Valley spent several days last week with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum.

Miss Reva June Swarts of Greenwood Hill passed the week-end with her cousin, Miss Marian Swarts at the home of her aunt Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Kemp.

Louis McAndrew is in Philadelphia, Pa., this week, with the Alfred University Wrestling Team.

Mrs. A. D. Randall of Corning visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Potter Monday and Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Potter accompanied her home where they will remain until Sunday.

talented wife. Others boast photo enlargements from the legislator's district.

### MULTIPLE SPONSORS

A legislator's job is to see legislation passed. He must take a stand on everything that comes up for a vote, and he must work to get his own bills passed. There have been some important changes in procedures. Previously, when several legislators were interested in certain legislation, they would introduce separate bills, often completely identical. It led to much waste in printing and was a cumbersome process. A couple of years ago multisponsorship was introduced. This means that any number of legislators can be listed as sponsors of the same bill. It can be unsponsored when a Senator and an Assemblyman decide to sponsor a bill in unison. Then the Assemblyman's name appears on the left side of the bill, the Senator's on the right. A combination is a unsponsored bill with multiple sponsors in either or both houses.

### MACHINE VOTING

There is an innovation this session, with both the Senate and the Assembly installing an electric voting system, which legislators are now trying to become accustomed to. It has been in use in other State Legislatures for a long time. Unquestionably, it saves time, but it thwarts certain parliamentary maneuvers, and the national Congress has steadfastly refused to have any part of it. In Albany, it will no longer be possible to stall for time by demanding long roll calls, and use the time to coral support for a different approach.

### "ONE CHAMBER OR TWO?"

The big question is, of course, what, if anything, the Constitutional Convention will do about the Legislature. It could combine the Senate and Assembly into a unicameral Legislature. In view of the Supreme Court's one man — one vote edict, this might seem the most logical. Why divide into two houses when the basis of election is the same? Nebraska has the unicameral form — so do Finland, Denmark, and to all intent and purposes, Great Britain.

It is a possibility, but not a bi-one. Tradition would weigh strongly against it, and such a reform will hardly be appealing to the leading legislators in control of the Convention. They could establish some difference by having the Assemblymen up for election every two years, the Senators every four years, on a staggered basis. And, after all, even under the present system, where the only difference is the size of the districts, the voters managed to elect one majority in the Senate, another in the Assembly.

### Walkley Speaks On Gun Bill!

Assemblyman Frank Walkley of Castile, addressed the Hamburg Rod and Gun Club last Thursday night, February 9th, at the group's clubhouse in the Town of Hamburg.

Assemblyman Walkley, a farmer, spoke on gun legislation. Pointing out that the rights of farmers and sportsmen "must be preserved as we consider tightening the gun laws". Assemblyman Walkley said today that "we must approach the whole problem with the wisdom and moderation, and not succumb to the hysteria that has built up recently about guns".

The Castile legislator, who points out that all farmers now in the State Legislature are Republicans, is an active conservationist, having served as a member of the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board and is now a member of the Water Resources Regional Planning Board. He lives with his wife and five children on his farm.