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Dear Ralph and Jeanie,

I just hope you see fit to put these comments in your newspaper for me because it is past the time of reason for the war here.

We are here in Vietnam to protect the rights of the people of the United States from being taken over by the Communists or any other group which threatens our country.

Well here is the part that may burn a few ears back home. It sure seems that if the American male in the Armed Forces has to endure such hardships as the men here — and all over the world — that we should be allowed the right to straighten a few people out on certain things.

I'm not much for writing letters as far as putting thoughts down go, but I'll speak for all U. S. Servicemen the best that I can.

Who in hell do YOU, the people of the largest and strongest country, think you are? Just what are you trying to prove anyway? This junk about Civil reform and rights of the students is the biggest farce ever heard of.

For one thing people, if you would get out and work as hard to keep busy and build yourself a life — as hard as you complain about injustices done to you, you would find that without knowing it — you will have the life you wish for yourselves. The thing lacked is guts, guts, or the will to put any effort out at all!

The Student reform — or whatever you call it — is sickening! Do you realize that to have the things needed in yourself to go to college — is a God-given gift? The colleges offer a service to you to teach and make it possible for you to be able to exist in this world of ours. Stop and think — not of what you can get — but think of what has been given to you and what you already have. You're damn lucky to be offered the chance to acquire higher learning.

Can't you see that You're not gaining a thing by parading around carrying the flag of our opposition countries? Nor are you laying out anything for those who follow you that is worth anything.

Where are the large crowds of people that used to march in support of our country? Where are the people who used to carry flags of the United States around instead of those of our opposition?

You are all supposed to be so intelligent, can't you see what you are doing to our nation? Men are dying for YOU people back home over here in Vietnam and around the world!

I know that things like standing when the American Flag passes by are now thought to be stupid — and to show patriotism is foolish — but why not think a little about it before you condone it?

You are lucky to have a Flag to stand up for — and to be able to have a Country to be proud of like the United States of America!

Don't knock our government. In the first place, you do not even know the facts about what you are opposing. If you would take the time to learn them, you would see that those men on the hill really are doing a good job for us.

Think people, think before you speak or act! Please realize that no matter what your cause is, that there is an easier way to settle differences than violence.

We are fighting for YOU over here! Just what are you fighting for back home — may we ask you?

PFC John E. Strouse  
"United States Army"

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## School Board Holds Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Andover Central School was called to order last Monday night by Mr. Carl Burdick, President. Mr. Kessler and the following Board members were present: Mrs. Slade, Mr. Godown, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Burdick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read for approval. Motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Godown. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

The following payrolls were read for approval:

Federal Payroll No. 20	613.16
Teachers Payroll No. 22	10,195.90
Civil Service Payroll No. 22	1,955.85
Cafeteria Payroll No. 18	402.91
Teachers Payroll No. 23	10,053.45
Civil Service Payroll No. 23	1,127.39
Cafeteria Payroll No. 19	347.69
Supplemental Payroll No. 9	789.06

Mrs. Slade made the motion to approve these and Mr. Stephens seconded the motion. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

The Clerk's and Treasurers report were read. Mr. Godown made the motion to approve the reports as read and Mrs. Slade seconded the motion. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

The monthly bills for May 1968 totalling \$7,686.13 plus utilities, gas and telephone, were read by Mr. Kessler for the Board's approval. A motion to pay these bills was made by Mrs. Slade and seconded by Mr. Godown. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

The May bills for the Cafeteria were read for approval. These totalled \$1,431.58. Mr. Stephens moved that these bills be paid with Mr. Godown seconding it. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

The monthly Cafeteria report showing a net loss of \$2,478.45 was read and it was moved to accept it by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Godown. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

An accounting of the Swimming Pool was read and it was approved to be filed by a motion from Mr. Godown and seconded by Mrs. Slade. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

The retirement of Monica Connors was accepted with the motion being made by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Godown. Yes votes — 4.

A motion to grant one year's leave of absence to Mrs. Francisco was made by Mr. Godown and seconded by Mr. Stephens. Accepted by 4 votes of yes.

The resignation of Miss Mercedes Pont was accepted with the motion being made by Mr. Godown and seconded by Mrs. Slade. Approved by 4 yes votes.

Carol Marsh was accepted as an Elementary Teacher on the recommendation of Mr. Kessler, Principal. A motion to approve this at a pay rate of \$7,637.50 was made by Mr. Godown and seconded by Mrs. Slade. Yes votes — 4.

Mr. Kessler recommended that Albert Michael be hired as a Spanish teacher at a starting pay of \$6,200. A motion was made by Mr. Godown to accept this recommendation and it was seconded by Mrs. Slade. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Godown to have an additional Bus Driver for transportation to the Vocational School for full schedule. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

A basis of \$2,100 for Mrs. Schrader's salary was established by a motion made by Mr. Godown and seconded by Mr. Stephens. Carried by 4 votes of yes.

Salaries for the Cafeteria will be re-scheduled by the board and

## News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, did you miss anything last week—like this column? Well, it's like this — by the time that we had everything laid out to put in the paper for the second run — we had almost enough to fill another page! So, you guessed it! Some things just had to wait — and needless to say, what could have been written—wouldn't have fit!

Now again, this week we are in almost the same predicament — ONLY — we have something so important to all of us that anything else can wait.

Since last week, quite a few of our legislators are beginning to weaken on their stand on gun registration — and there is an immediate danger that they may listen to a few fanatics and rush thru gun legislation that will take our constitutional rights to bear arms away from us.

Unless every citizen interested in preserving our freedom and independence as it now stands, write personal letters to our Congressmen protesting against the registration of shotguns — and rifles — we are all apt to wake up some morning to find an official at the door waiting to search our homes for fire-arms.

Registration of pistols sure as Sam Hill didn't prevent the assassination of Senator Kennedy — and registration of hunting weapons wouldn't prevent killing in the future. All it would do would be to turn the criminals loose on a defenseless public!

We have talked to many refugees from Russia and other Dictator countries — and they can all see the handwriting on the wall if gun registration goes thru!

According to them, guns aren't used to kill off the unwanted leaders — they are more subtle about it. They use a slow poison! They ask: "How did Stalin die?" How have many other of the leaders died when they fell from favor? Isn't there another prominent Russian leader at the present time that is very sick? And, of course, they won't let any other than Russian Doctors in to see them! Is that what is in store for us here in America?

IF you want to do something about it — here are the addresses of some of the Politicians that it would do some good to write to:

State Senators:  
Earl W. Brydges, Majority Leader  
William T. Smith (of Elmira)  
James F. Hastings (from Allegany)  
Malcolm Wilson Lt. Governor and President of the Senate  
Their address is: Senator  
The Capitol, Albany, N. Y. 12224

State Assemblymen:  
Anthony J. Travia, Speaker of the Assembly  
Perry B. Duryea, Jr., Minority Leader  
Moses M. Weinstein, Majority Leader  
Charles D. Henderson (from Hornell)  
Frank Walkley (from Castile)  
Their address is: Assemblyman  
The Capitol, Albany, N. Y. 12224

New York Senator in Washington: Jacob K. Javits (from N. Y. City)

Address Communications to: Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20013

New York Representatives in Washington:  
Charles E. Goodell (Jamestown)  
also — Samuel S. Stratton (Amsterdam)  
Henry P. Smith, III (North Tonawanda)

As one of the Sportsmen said at the meeting last night: "If they are going to take guns away from we civilians — why not take them away from our boys in Vietnam and bring them home!"

## County Sportsmen Federation Meets In Andover

The Allegany County Federation of Sportsmen held their regular monthly meeting at the Andover Rod & Gun Club last night, Wednesday, June 19th with 9 Clubs represented. Clubs represented were from Alma, Almond, Andover, Belmont, Richburg, Cuba, Genesee Valley-Rockville Lake and Wellsville.

After the meeting was called to order around 8:00, "Jim" Jackson for the Andover Club explained and related the local club's plans for the 4th of July Celebration here in Andover.

Action was then taken, with the Federation going on record to fill the vacancy in the Conservation Law Enforcement section now existing in the Allegany County area.

President Kenny Dunbar then gave a report on the F.W.W.A. meeting that was held May 18th in (Fish and Wildlife Management) the Wellsville Library covering the continued usage of back tags for hunters.

"Kenny" also reported the availability of money to reimburse Sportsmen and Sportsmen's Clubs for putting in food patches for wild game.

It was reported that 700 cases of violation of game laws had been processed last year in this district and that \$18,962 had been collected in fines.

It was also reported that the Allegany County Beaver take was the highest in this region with 146 Beavers having been taken out of a total of 514 in the entire district. The program of stocking 312 Korean Pheasants in Allegany County on a 5 year experimental basis on a ration of 1 cock to one hen was also explained. Another report also stated that 11,300 Turkey permits were issued for the spring gobbler hunt with no reports so far available as to the results of this hunt.

Federation members were then brought up-to-date on the Log Cabin building project at the County Fairgrounds with it reported that the foundation of the building was all ready for the pouring of concrete which is scheduled for this coming weekend — weather permitting. It was announced that the Allegany County American Legion is going to present an American Flag for the new building and that the State Conservation Department was going to furnish a New York State Flag. The club also voted to donate \$40 for the feeding of the wild animals that will be on exhibit at the Allegany County Fair this year.

Then gun control laws were discussed, and discussed and discussed at great length. It was the consensus of opinion that registration of shot-guns and sporting rifles was not the answer to the prevention of crimes with fire-arms. All that gun registration, along with the high fees or taxes for the possession of hunting weapons would accomplish, is to make it so miserable for all of the American Sportsmen that they would be discouraged from even owning guns. This would play directly into the hands of the criminals as well as the Communists for — an UNARMED PUBLIC — IS A DEFENSELESS PUBLIC!!! In every other Country that has been taken over by a Dictatorship — the 1st step has been the registration of all weapons — and the 2nd step has been the seizure and confiscation of these weapons. Then crime runs rampant — for the criminal no longer has to fear that the homeowner has a shot-gun or rifle to protect his home and family. And, of course, the criminal wouldn't register his guns — which are more than likely stolen anyway.

It was finally decided that the best immediate action to take would be for every sportsman to write to every elected Senator or Representative in both the State and Federal level and explain

## Fourth Of July Celebration Theme 'Let Freedom Ring'

This year's Annual Fourth of July Celebration in Andover has the promise of being the "biggest and best" since its beginning several years ago, and will have "Let Freedom Ring" for its theme. And, along with this patriotic theme, the Parade will be dedicated to "Our Boys In Service" who are fighting to preserve Democracy on the four corners of the Globe — In the Air; On Land; as well as on, and under the Sea.

The Parade Committee is made up of the following members: John Murray, representing the local Boy Scouts; Frank Cahill, the Cub Scouts; "Jim" Jackson, the Rod & Gun Club; Doris Jackson the Rod & Gun Club Auxiliary; Ronald Glover, the Andover Fire Department; and Mel Mickle, the Firemen's Auxiliary.

John Karcanes, who has been in business here in Andover for over 50 years, will be Parade Marshal.

The candidate for "Queen" has been selected by ACS High School Students from the two girls in the Junior Class and two girls from the Senior Class that were entered in Competition. The "Queen's" name and her attendants will be announced in next week's issue of the News.

The Parade is scheduled to start at 10:00 A. M., following the "Crowning of the Queen Ceremony" at 9:45 in front of the reviewing stand.

The Parade Committee extends an invitation to any local resident, businessman, organization, or group to enter a float in the parade. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. In addition to these prizes, there will also be two prizes awarded for the most unusual entries in the parade.

The Annual Chicken Bat B Q put on by the local Rod & Gun Club will be held from 12:00 noon until 2:30 P. M. with carry outs again available.

The Annual Firemen's Water Fights are scheduled to start at 2:00, and will continue until the competition is finished.

Meanwhile, on the ball diamond, the Wellsville Soft-ball League which has a tremendous following, will commence playing a league game starting at 2:00 P. M.

Then at 6:00 P. M., there will be a regularly scheduled Babe Ruth Baseball game between Andover and Fillmore.

In addition to these events, there will be "Kiddie Rides"; Pony Rides; and several novelty, food, and soft drink stands available to the public throughout the day on the school grounds.

Then for the grand climax, the biggest display of Fireworks to ever be touched off in Andover will commence at 9:30 — or when ever good and dark. An aerial bomb will be set off as a 10 minute warning before the Fireworks Display is started. Also, we have been told that the display will be set up so it can be best seen from the Grandstand — so judge yourself accordingly.

## Grange News

The regular meeting of Andover Grange will be held Wednesday evening, June 26th at the Grange Hall. There will be a POCES student present to demonstrate Hair Styling.

Watch Out Men!

## Rod & Gun Club Notice

The regular monthly meeting of the Andover Rod & Gun Club will be held at the Club House on Wednesday June 21st at 8:00 p. m.

their views on gun registration. The meeting was then adjourned with a delicious beef bar-b-que being prepared and served by an old friend of ours from National Days, Mess Steward Perry, who is now a full-fledged Chef at Alfred University.