

News That's Print To Fit

Well folks, now that we're back behind a desk instead of behind the wheel of a car, I guess we had better get on with the most important thing... and, under this heading comes the battle against further gun control and gun registration.

Everyone that I know of to while on our tour of duty at Camp Drum was against gun registration and, of course, the latent, underlying fear is — the eventual seizure and confiscation of privately owned weapons under the guise of crime prevention.

Thus when we received the following News Release, we felt it is important to all our readers to see who, for one, is supporting our stand. And, it certainly would be in order to let him know that you support his stand.

News Release from:
Senator William T. Smith
48th Senatorial District
Big Flats, New York

State Capitol
Albany, New York
March 13, 1968

State Senator William T. Smith of Big Flats, New York said today that he is opposed to the restrictive gun legislation which has been proposed in the 1968 Legislative Session in Albany. Stating that the bills seem to be "aimed in the wrong direction," he suggested that the Legislators "sight in on the proper target — the persons who use the guns for criminal purposes." Pointing out that criminals, not guns, commit crimes, Senator Smith said he felt that the proposed measures would have little or no effect on the rising crime rate and would thus not fulfill their intended purpose.

Senator Smith pointed out that the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Crime, under the chairmanship of Senator John H. Hughes, issued a report which indicates that a study has shown that there is no relationship between the increase in criminal activity and the registration of firearms. For example, in 1966 there were 8797 crimes in New York State where handguns were used, and in only 63 of these, (less than 1%), licensed handguns were involved. In other words, even though New York State has the Sullivan Law requiring the licensing of handguns, in over 99% of the crimes the handguns were not licensed.

The Senator also said that since the present New York State Penal Law prohibits the possession of handguns, rifles or shotguns by anyone who has been convicted of a Felony or certain Misdemeanors, it is obvious that the proposed new laws will apply primarily to the law-abiding citizens of our state. He also stated that the New York State Police will administer the gun registration program in most parts of the State if the new law is passed. Senator Smith said he felt that the State Police are already busy enough with their present responsibilities and should not be asked to take on any more.

The new fee schedule and the three year effective period of licenses could, in Senator Smith's opinion, cause a financial hardship to some, especially the gun collectors.

In conclusion, Senator Smith said, "I do not believe that the registration of rifles and shotguns will reduce crime. I do not propose any further gun control measures."

Now we notice... Store is... and attention... planters... sure add... Also, we notice that "Cue" and "Blanche" are back in business at the same old stand after around a two-year span. Glad to have y'all back aboard.

African plants thrive in temperatures from 65 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Annual Bike Rodeo To Be Held Saturday Aug. 10

The Annual Bike Rodeo will be held Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 P. M., at the School.

All students from First Grade through the Tenth Grade are eligible. Prizes will be given away after the year. One to the winner in the Junior Division (1st through 6th grades) and one to the winner of the Senior Division (7th through 10th grade). There also will be a prize for every entry.

The Bike Rodeo is sponsored jointly each year by the following:

- The Andover Chamber of Commerce
- The Citizens National Bank
- Joyce Pipe Line
- Hyalip Insurance Agency
- Sunnydale Farms
- American Legion



Andover, N. Y.
July 31, 1968

Mr. Ralph Allen
Andover, N. Y.
Dear Editor:

With the Presidential Nominating Conventions coming up and the soon to be elections, I have a few observations to share from a letter from the Mecong Delta, Viet Nam.

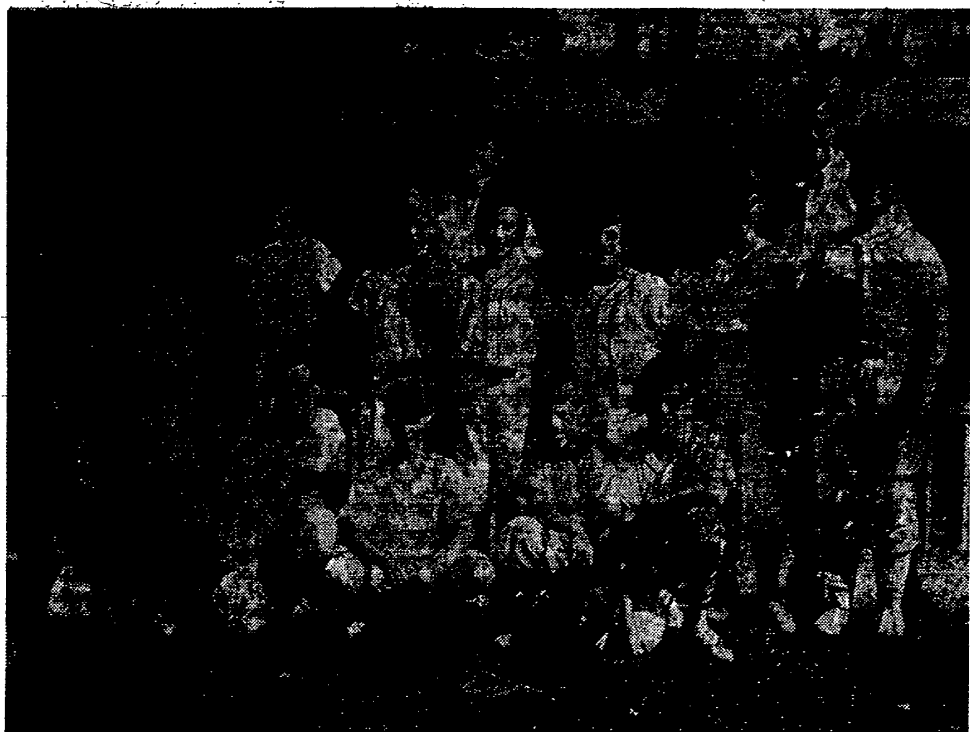
"There is only one thing I care about, anymore, and that is getting home. I know what it is like to be so scared you are sick and to lay in the mud and pray. I have gained a great deal of respect for the V. C. They are good soldiers and for what they have to work with, they put up a heck of a fight. It is seldom that you ever see who is shooting at you so that makes it worse. We hardly ever know where we are going or what we are doing. They don't seem to care about the soldier on the line. We have noticed that the ARVN's (Army of the Republic of Viet Nam), draw all the security duty. The people over here are scared of us and tell us, 'We don't want the G.I.'s over here. Why don't you go home.' We sure would if we could.

Some of the guys over here think nobody cares, at home. It's rough when your own friends back home and your own generation doesn't support you. We don't want to be here and we don't believe in a lot of the things that are going on here and around the world but we can't change it over here! The people back home have to do the changing. They can't do it by demonstrating and holding 'love-ins' — we wouldn't mind a few love-ins too!
All we have is each other — we are brothers over here. White, Black and Puerto Rican. We are all the same. One of my colored buddies made me an honorary soul-brother. The trouble is when we get back home we will all go our own way with our own kind. One thing for sure we will never forget.

Doesn't it make you feel a little sick and ashamed that mankind is in such a state. Isn't it time we woke up and tried to do something about it? We can be remembered who these... are, that are fighting for us in Viet Nam. The next time we vote and electing men into office who will bring 'peace in our country' and some resemblance of PEACE to our land.

Sincerely,
The Mother of a
Soldier in Viet Nam

129 S. E. Union Ave.
Portland, Ore. 97214
24 July '68



From Left to Right are Andover's Little League "All-Star" Players: — Mike Dibble, Dave Dodge, Norman Olds, Chad Grossman, Jeff Petrie, Front Row — 2nd Row — Rob Hyland, Denny Burrows, Pat Mulconery, Steve Dunham, Scott Middaugh, Dave Haugh, George Burger — 3rd Row — Avery Mead, Mgr., Eddie Wilson and Don Thorp, Coach. Photo by Burrows

Scio, Jasper, Arkport and Andover Advance In "Little League All-Star Tournament"

Scio, Jasper, Arkport and Andover have advanced to the Semi-Finals in the Annual Little League Tournament being held at the Grove in Andover this past weekend.

Scio probably had the easiest one of all as they won their game by forfeit when Friendship failed to show up. It seems there was some confusion between the managers with one thinking the other was bringing the team and vice-versa with the results being one team not getting here at all.

In the second game of the day, Jasper had little trouble in beating Belmont 12 to 2. Six runs in the second inning caused the damage to Belmont as they could not get going after that. Jasper's pitcher, "Andy Williams" fanned twelve batters and gave up only two for the victory.

On Sunday, Arkport beat Whitesville by the same 12 to 2 score with pitcher Bruce Zahradnick fanning fifteen and allowing only doubles by Jeff Seger and Gary Pensyl of Whitesville.

The second game of the day proved to be the thriller as host Andover nipped Alfred - Almond with a run in the bottom of the sixth and final inning to win by the score of 5 to 4. Denny Burrows' screaming liner over first base with the bases loaded was all that was needed as the runner scored from third easily for the victory.

Burrows also had two other hits to lead the winners with Mike Dibble and Steve Dunham getting a hit apiece as both teams could garner only five hits for each side. Pat Mulconery, who relieved a

tiring George Burger in the fifth inning, received credit for the win. Both pitchers did very well in clutch situations to keep the victory with Andover.

This game was an entire team win as both the offense and especially the defense really came up with some sparkling and exciting plays.

Also credit should be given to Alfred-Almond for their equally fine playing, and to their good coaching and sportsmanship.

The games for the final weekend of play have been changed somewhat with Jasper meeting Scio at 6:00 P. M., Friday, August 2nd and Arkport vs Andover at 2:00 P. M. on Saturday, August 3rd with the winners of these two games meeting Sunday, August 4th at 2:00 P. M. for the Championship of the Tournament.

The Editors Andover News Andover, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Editor:

My 18 July '68 letter in your admirable newspaper almost has me giving some favorable MAFIA news — in that apparently I said the said MAFIA only does a \$6 - 10 Million annual "business". This almost makes the MAFIA seem "little", well nigh human! What I meant to say was a \$6 - 10 BILLION "business" annually! That New York State Police officer who "got" the MAFIA "leaders" at Appalachin a few years back — then try to see the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit free 'em by a 2 - 1 decision — WELL?! (well, at least he's a HERO of mine!)

Sincerely,
HENRY STONER

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Rife (Patricia Baker) of Rochester, are the parents of a daughter, Marcella Louise, born Thursday, July 25, 1968 at the Genesee Hospital, Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. James J. Baker, Andover, are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rife, Rochester, are the paternal grandparents.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds

News Briefs Of Local Citizens

Air C. Kenneth Lehman arrived home Monday, July 22nd from the Philippines for a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lehman and family.

Army PFC Lon G. Carr, 26, of Wheatfield, near Niagara Falls, was reported killed in action July 24th. No details were available. PFC Carr is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lehman of Andover.

PFC and Mrs. John Strouse left Tuesday for Sandy Hook, N. J. Pfc. Strouse goes to Ft. Hancock, N. J., following a 30-day leave spent in Andover and vicinity.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. James Chase and two children of Michigan, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Barnhart, left Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Chase in Whitesville. S/Sgt. Chase is stationed at the Kincheloe Air Force Base in Michigan.

SP/4 John S. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Baker, recently spent his R and R in Sidney, Australia. While there he was a guest of his cousin, John Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dougherty.



Mrs. Lewis Cornish, is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mark Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dougherty, underwent tonsillectomy at the St. Francis Hospital in Olean, Monday. He returned to his home Tuesday.

Frank Dean was admitted to the Bethesda Hospital by ambulance Monday, where he underwent surgery Wednesday to correct a fractured hip sustained in a fall at his home Monday.

NOTICE

The Andover Medical Center will be closed from Monday, August 5th through Sunday, August 18th. The Center will be open Monday, August 19th.

Overheard at Airport: "As a navigator he's not too bad, but it is comforting to know the world is round."