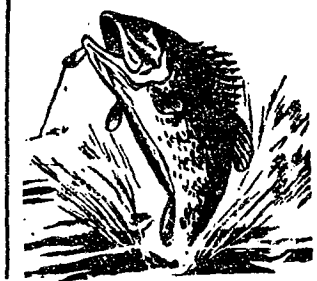


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# The Firearm Issue Part II.

By Don Macalady

Last week I began an evaluation of the general trend of legislative proposals regarding the extension of firearms laws and firearms registration. I briefly outlined the principal arguments presented by proponents of such legislation.

This week I'd like to present the other side of the picture. That is, outline the undesirable characteristics of laws which would further restrict the use of firearms.

The first and most obvious argument against firearms regulation is found in our Federal Constitution (and, incidentally, in about three-fourths of our state constitutions). The Second Amendment says, "A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of the State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

However, despite the seeming clarity of the constitutional language, federal and state jurists have justified and held constitutional numerous firearms regulations on the arguments of the courts concerning police power. Considering "police power," the courts define what is termed reasonable limitations on the rights of the individual in the interest of proper administration of criminal justice.

The arguments are entirely academic, however. The only important fact is that constitutional amendments have failed to prevent firearms regulations on both a state and national level.

Secondly, firearms registration laws make it more difficult for honest people to obtain firearms for recreational purposes, and do not considerably increase the difficulties found by a criminal in obtaining a weapon. That is, most of the weapons used by criminals are stolen.

By the same token, the laws do not considerably aid in the apprehension of criminals. If registered to an honest citizen, a stolen weapon which has been used to commit a felony can only cause needless investigation and a humiliation to the gun's rightful owner.

Thirdly, the whole essence and the inevitable result of gun regulations and firearms registration is this: to allow police to say who may own a firearm. This is a vital point. Besides the seemingly obvious right of an honest person to use a weapon to protect what is his own, there are other serious considerations here.

For example, Homer Cummings, when he was Attorney General of the United States, made a speech before the 1937 convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Baltimore. In this speech, he, in proposing the extension of registration laws to all firearms, cited as examples Germany, Spain, France, England, Belgium and Italy where complete firearms registration had been successful.

That was in 1937. Now, move ahead three years and consider his examples. Germany—Hitler uses firearms registration laws to disarm all who oppose him; Italy—Mussolini rules a dictatorship obtained with the help of firearms laws.

Spain—Fascism and Communism together attempt to set up their own particular brand of dictatorship; and in France and Belgium—a people, disarmed by their police who have, for the Germans, a convenient list of all who own a firearm), fall to the invading Nazis. Yes, all had registration laws for firearms.

England, too, whose Firearms Act was often mentioned as a desirable model for America, in 1940 found herself dangerously low in the quantity of firearms in the hands of her people. The act had decreased the number of firearms to a negligible amount.

Such a law discouraged the ownership of firearms by reputable citizens by imposing inconveniences, excess taxes, and contacts which the average person sought to avoid. A true calamity—from a "model" firearms act. "Lawless" America had to quickly supply rifles, pistols and shotguns to bolster the Home Guard and arm her people.

Finally, I might repeat that an increase in firearms control could be the vesting of an arbitrary power of police to say who may and who may not own a firearm. It is interesting to note that every modern dictatorship which has been imposed upon a free people, has had as a part of it the requirement that citizens register their privately owned firearms.

It's easy to think that this can't happen to the United States. But, it can.



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# 16 Basketball Teams Compete

By next week sixteen basketball teams will have battled for victory during the opening games of the "Summer League."

Two leagues have been organized for the summer term and are scheduled to hold individual team play-offs during the week of August 14th.

Bob Harrison, coordinator of "summer basketball," said that much interest has been shown.

Individual high scorers in the first games were Bob Rutherford of the Celts and Don Appleman of the Travelers. Each scored 20 points.

In Monday games at Rec Hall team wins and losses were:

League A		
	Won	Last
Travelers	1	0
Red Lions	1	0
Celts	1	0
Farmers	0	0
Cedar Chests	0	0
Rathskellers	0	1
Krusers	0	1
Pick-Ups	0	1

In Tuesday games at Rec Hall team wins and losses were:

League B		
	Won	Last
Losers	1	0
Warriors	1	0
An-E-mails	1	0
Rebs	0	0
Pseudos	0	0
Sags	0	1
Comets	0	1
Chantels	0	1

Game scores for this week were:  
League A  
Celts over Krusers 61-37, Red Lions over Pick-Ups 60-38, Travelers over Rathskellers 69-16.

League B  
An-E-mails won by forfeit, Warriors defeated Chantels 38-31, and Losers defeated Comets 37-36.  
The League A schedule for coming games is:

All games to be played at Rec Hall.

Monday, July 17  
Pick-Ups - Cedar Chests 6:15  
Rathskellers - Farmers 7:15  
Celts - Travelers 8:15

Wednesday, July 19  
Red Lions - Cedar Chests 6:15  
Pick-Ups - Rathskellers 7:15  
Krusers - Farmers 8:15

Monday, July 24  
Celts - Cedar Chests 6:15  
Red Lions - Rathskellers 7:15  
Travelers - Farmers 8:15

Wednesday, July 26  
Celts - Farmers 6:15  
Cedar Chests - Rathskellers 7:15  
Krusers - Pickups 8:15

Monday, July 31  
Travelers - Pick-Ups 6:15  
Celts - Rathskellers 7:15  
Red Lions - Krusers 8:15

Wednesday, August 2  
Farmers - Pick-Ups 6:15  
Travelers - Red Lions 7:15  
Cedar Chests - Krusers 8:15

Monday, August 7  
Celts - Pick-Ups 6:15  
Farmers - Red Lions 7:15  
Rathskellers - Krusers 8:15

Wednesday, August 9  
Cedar Chests - Travelers 6:15  
(will be rescheduled for earlier date)  
The League B schedule for coming games is:

All games to be played at Rec Hall.  
Thursday, July 13  
Rebs - Pseudos 6:15  
An-E-mails - Warriors 7:15  
Sags - Comets 8:15

Tuesday, July 18  
An-E-mails - Comets 6:15  
Chantels - Pseudos 7:15  
Losers - Rebs 8:15

Thursday, July 20  
Warriors - Pseudos 6:15

Sags - Rebs 7:15  
Chantels - Losers 8:15

Tuesday, July 25  
An-E-mails - Pseudos 6:15  
Comets - Rebs 7:15  
Warriors - Losers 8:15

Thursday, July 27  
An-E-mails - Rebs 6:15  
Sags - Chantels 7:15  
Pseudos - Losers 8:15

Tuesday, August 1  
Comets - Chantels 6:15  
Warriors - Sags 7:15  
An-E-mails - Losers 8:15

Thursday, August 3  
Rebs - Chantels 6:15  
Pseudos - Sags 7:15  
Comets - Warriors 8:15

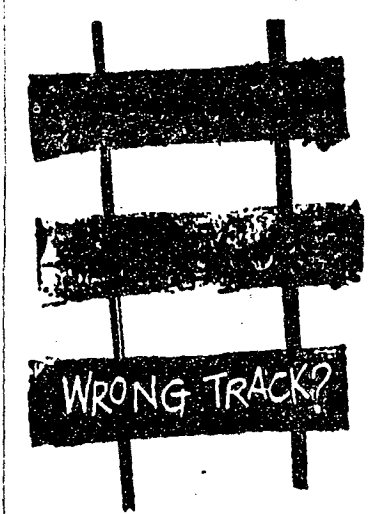
Tuesday, August 8  
An-E-mails - Chantels 6:15  
Rebs - Warriors 7:15  
Losers - Sags 8:15

Thursday, August 10  
Pseudos - Comets 6:15  
(will probably be rescheduled for later date)

## Past Pitcher Turns Pro

Ed Kikla, lefthanded ace of the Lions baseball team for the past three years has signed a major league contract with the St. Louis Cardinals.

He is playing now with their Lancaster farm team in the Class A Eastern League. As of Wednesday night he had a record of two wins against no losses. He was also used as a pinch batter once and came through with a hit.



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