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ALMAR FARM In Transylvania

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(This is the second in a series of columns in which I state my objections to the proposed new gun control laws.)

Here is another thing I see wrong with the proposed gun permit - gun registration laws. These laws are entirely too subject to abuse.

You might disagree about the Constitutional right to have guns. You might nitpick about the wording, as do the anti-gun people, and maintain that the guarantee is extended only to organized militia.

I do not agree with this, for I do not think there was much concern about guns for a militia when this was written into our law. Militia always have guns; what the founding fathers were guaranteeing was that the individual frontiersman's long rifle would not be taken away from him as had been done in Europe. Had they only meant the militia they would probably not have made specific mention of "the right to bear arms." It seems to me they would only have specified the right to a "well regulated" militia. That would have been sufficient, and the writers of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights were not men given to superfluous wording.

But whatever an individual

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ly are a law-abiding citizen. And you can get your gun permit

But who can afford the lost time and this kind of money? Most of us would just find it easier to forget the gun and do without it. And this is exactly what the anti-gun fanatics want us to do. Make no mistake about that. They do not want to limit gun ownership as they claim. For reasons of their own, they want to take them away.

Or, once given the permit to have a gun, there is nothing to keep the local law enforcement chief from harassing you. You can be required to come in and bring your gun for repeated re-registrations. You can be required to appear intermittently and fill out new 5 page forms which need information and records you don't have. You can be frustrated until you just get tired and give up your gun. This is still doing exactly what the people who support the hard gun laws would like. They want your guns, one way or another.

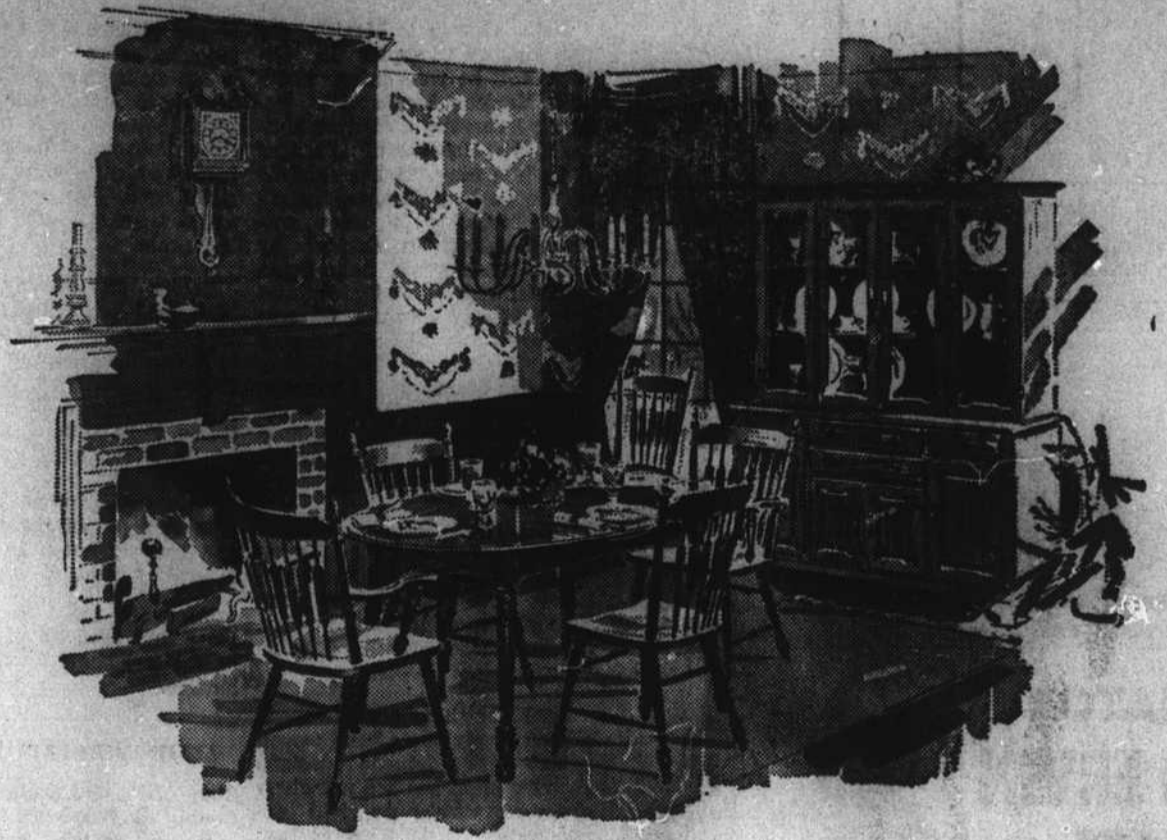
I do not contend that these abuses would happen here in Transylvania now. I know both the Sheriff and the Chief of Police, and I'm sure it would not during their tenures. But I do not know the Sheriff and Chief of Police who may one day hold these positions. And I do know the officials in the many other cities and counties all over this country. This is sufficient cause to oppose laws that make such abuse easy.

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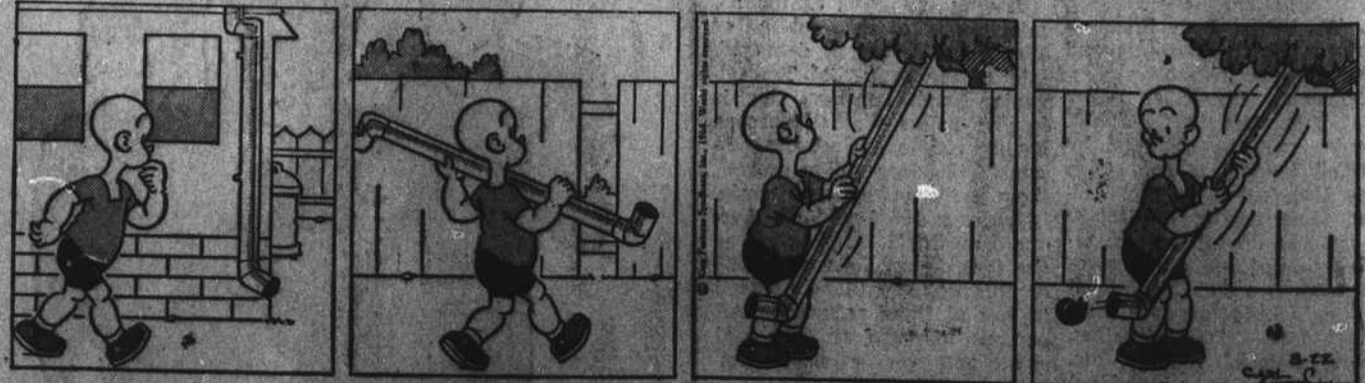
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