

I AM A SICK AMERICAN

An Editorial Worth Repeating

There are those who claim ours is a "sick" society; that our country is sick; our government is sick; that we are sick. Well, maybe they're right. I submit that I'm sick — and maybe you are, too. I am sick of having policemen ridiculed and called "pigs" white cop killers are hailed as some kind of folk hero.

I am sick of being told that religion is the opiate of the people, but marijuana should be legalized.

I am sick of commentators and columnists canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries and criminal rapists, but condemning law enforcement when such criminals are brought to justice.

I am sick of being told that pornography is the right of free press, but freedom of the press does not include being able to read the Bible on school grounds.

I am sick of paying more and more taxes to build schools while I see some faculty members encouraging students either to tear them down or burn them.

I am sick of Supreme Court decisions which turn criminals loose on society — while other decisions try to take away my means of protecting my home and family.

I am sick of pot-smoking entertainers deluging me with their condemnation of my moral standards on late-night television.

I am sick of being told that policemen are mad dogs who should not have guns — but that criminals who use guns to rob, maim and murder should be understood and helped back to society.

I am sick of riots, marches, protests, demonstrations, confrontations, and the other mob temper tantrums of people intellectually incapable of working within the system.

I am sick of hearing the same phrases, the same slick slogans, the cries of people who must chant the same thing like zombies because they haven't the capacity for verbalizing thought.

I am sick of permissiveness.

I am sick of those who say I owe them this or that because of the sins of my forefathers — when I have looked down both ends of a gun barrel to defend their rights, their liberties and their families.

I am sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism. And, I am sick of politicians with no backbone.

I am sick of the dirty, the foul-mouthed, the unwashed.

I am sick of the decline of personal honesty, personal integrity and human sincerity.

I am sick of people who try to rationalize and forgive the Communists for their ideals when they teach that the means justify the end — no matter what it consists of — as murder, tyranny, atheism.

I am sick of seeing the American Flag desecrated by ignorant, un-patriotic, un-American rebels who choose to ignore the Constitution of the United States of America — and what it stands for.

Most of all, though, I am sick of being told I'm sick. I'm sick of being told my country is sick — when we have the greatest nation that man has ever brought forth on the face of the earth. Fully fifty percent of the people on earth would willingly trade places with the most deprived, the most underprivileged among us.

Let's all of us see what we can do to re-establish the concepts of our Constitution and the principles of the "Ten Commandments"!



50 YEARS AGO

September 14, 1923

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Mrs. Jennie Crandall and Walter Hammond were united in marriage September 9th at her home by the Rev. A. D. Shepard. The bride is the linotype operator at the News Printing House.

Dr. W. J. Grenolds has sold his practice and residence on Main and Center Streets to Dr. Edwin B. Wells, who will take possession on September 20. Dr. Grenolds and family sail on September 24th for Europe. The doctor plans to specialize on eye, nose and throat diseases at Berlin, Germany and Vienna, Austria.

Lanford Horton and Harold Stillman won second place in the junior project demonstration in poultry, culling at the Hornell Fair and drew as a prize, two days visit to the State Fair at Syracuse.

The traffic census taken on Main St., Friday and Saturday, August 24 - 25 was as follows: Friday 298 vehicles and on Saturday, 1,014 vehicles.

Supt. J. H. Faisant who is in Hornell at the Steuben Sanatorium under treatment, was able to come to Andover Tuesday to attend to business affairs at the Silk Mill.

Miss Lenora Dean left her home on South Hill for Cleveland to reher work of teaching in that city. Some her work of teaching in that city.

Potato market has opened at \$1.00 a bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lusk and son, Loel and Mrs. R. B. Withey of Tip Top were Belmont visitors Sunday.

Following are the weather observations for the week beginning September 6 — coldest 34 degrees precipitation .86 inches — two clear days — two cloudy and three partly cloudy days.

Those who attended the Troupsburg Fair last week were: Leo Davis and family, E. J. Kilbane, Arling Briggs and LeRoy Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pettibone of Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teasdale were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Howland of Elm Valley.

Mrs. M. A. Fowler and daughter, Grace have returned from a motor trip to Buffalo and Lake Ontario.

Mrs. C. L. Earley accompanied her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sheppard to their home in Morristown, Pa., Monday. Mrs. Adelia Hunt is staying at the Stephen-Earley home during her absence.

Mrs. Martha Bloss spent Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wilson of Whitesville. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bloss of Waverly were also present.

John E. Cannon Company are featuring a sale of lovely plumage trimmed hats Saturday. Every hat has an individual selection at \$5.55 per hat.

Arthur Wagner is home for the weekend from Elmira where he is working in the Morrow Plant.

Principal and Mrs. Levi Tubbs left Andover this week for their new home in Salamanca.

40 YEARS AGO

September 8, 1933

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Eight girls from Independence 4-H activities entered canned goods, baking and sewing at the Angelica Fair. Helen Dreber, ten year old, won first place with a dress which she made. Hilda Clarke, Eloise Mingus, Maxine Crandall, Betty Green and Mary Spicer brought home nine premiums and five firsts at the Angelica Fair. The first four won firsts and are being sent to the State Fair at Syracuse.

Miss Helen Baker, who has returned from a seven months trip to European lands, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Vincent, who is convalescing from a fractured hip. The Andover Home Bureau will meet Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Walter L. Greene. The last pro-

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open line

by Alex Rankin

Gov. Rockefeller has just opened the door to a subject that is likely to dominate the headlines in 1974 — the restoration of the death penalty.

For the last few years a small handful of Assemblymen and Senators have been struggling to get a bill restoring the use of the electric chair.

In the Assembly, where the bill has received the most attention, the measure touches off endless hours of debate.

In the past the governor has hinted that he would veto any bill that alters present law, which permits the death penalty only for someone convicted of killing a policeman or prison officials. That stand weakened at the 1973 session when the governor, taking a hard line in order to win some bargaining leverage for his tough anti-drug law, said he might favor sending drug peddlers to the chair.

Now the governor has said flatly that if the Legislature gives him a death penalty bill he will sign it into law.

Just to keep the record straight, next year is an election year.

Consider the fact that the governor didn't make the statement in New York State. He made it

in California before a group of civic and business leaders who were in Los Angeles to hear him promote his Commission-on-Critic Choices for America.

Rockefeller said that while he wouldn't personally initiate such a bill, he would sign it if it passed both houses.

Translated, that means that if the Senate and Assembly wants the death penalty bill signed, they will have to be more cooperative on legislation he wants passed.

It's a safe bet that the death penalty bill will sail through both houses.

One wishes the same thing could be said for legislation which may not be as dramatic or simple, meaningful prison reform.

In any other state it would probably be the kiss of death but Rockefeller has, one might say, been campaigning for an opponent next year.

The governor thinks Democratic Assembly Minority Leader Stanley Steingut would be the best Democratic candidate for governor next year. It's no secret that Steingut would like to make the run.

If he does, Rockefeller can count on another four years in Albany.

ject on "low cost meals" will be given. Mrs. Greene will be assisted by leader Mrs. William Lang.

The Misses Dorothy and Leah Oakes entertained a company of young friends at a buffet supper and bridge, Thursday evening at their home on Pleasant Ave.

Boliviar Refinery is scheduled to start operations November 1st. The plant has a capacity of 750 barrels. The refined products to consist of gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, fuel oil and wax.

Mrs. Daniel Witter entertained the Three Link Club Friday at her home on Rochambeau Ave. During the program prizes were won by Mrs. Ralph Shaff and Mrs. George Beebe. Supper was served by Mrs. Witter, Mrs. Harold Hardy Mrs. Gladys Rogers, Mrs. Jennie Flint and Mrs. C. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Van Schaick of Voorhees Hill entertained forty-three dinner guests in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Wager of Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. U. V. Davis and son, Robert of Rochester, were week-end guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis of Davis Hill. Mrs. Davis returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schriener and son, Billy of Wellsville were Monday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slocum of Davis Hill. Miss Kathleen Slocum returned home with them to attend school in Wellsville.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard and daughter, Eva, of Harrison Valley and daughter, Madeline of Alfred University, were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

Miss Annette Clifford of Great Kulls and Miss Mary Jo Russ of Canandaigua, came Sunday to resume their duties at the Andover School and will board with Mr. and Mrs. Burr Ruger.

Mrs. Ellen Walsh served a picnic supper Saturday to the following: Jerry Harkenrider of Rexville the Misses Madeline and Alleen Walsh, Jimmy Driscoll, Jim Dagon, Lucy Ellen and Joan Marie Dagon of Hornell.

Arthur Brillion and son, John of Kingston, were calling on Andover friends during the week-end. Mrs. Brillion, formerly Miss Celia Trainor of Andover, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Agnes Foulke of Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Langworthy and family of Alfred Station, were Labor Day guests of his mother Mrs. Agnes Langworthy and brother, Edison Langworthy.

Emmett Dawson returned to Depew Tuesday after spending the

summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. Madge Dawson.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Storer and children of Olean, were in Andover Labor Day.

30 YEARS AGO

September 2, 1943

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In a reprint from the Bell Aircraft News, a plant publication of the Bell Aircraft Corp., in Niagara Falls, tells of the employment of Elizabeth Hann, 69, doing her bit as a chef salad daily prepared by "Grandma" at the Bell Plant.

Miss Veronica Lynch, daughter of Mrs. T. Joseph Lynch, was enrolled as a Sister of the Missionary Sisters of the Divine Child, August 28. She is now known as Sister Mary Paul.

Dr. Ivan G. Howe, Allegany County Commissioner of Public Welfare, has been named Director of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry of the New York State Department of Agriculture.

A family dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Snyder, Tuesday evening to honor the 83rd birthday of Mr. Snyder. "Bill" retired August 1 after 35 years service in the Sunnysdale Farms and 62 years in the milk and cheese business.

Miss Rose Yannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Yannie, was sworn into the WAVES as an Apprentice Seaman and expects to be sent to the U. S. Training School at Hunter College, Bronx, N. Y. Miss Yannie is the fourth member of her family to enter services for our country.

Andover's quota for the War Bond Sale for the month of September is \$50,000. This includes E. F. and G. War Bonds.

Everett Clark was reelected as a member of the local committee and Floyd Pease was elected to succeed W. E. Pease as committee member at the annual meeting of Andover Grange League Federation held in the And-Well Producers meeting held in Andover.

A variety shower was given at the Hallsport Grange Hall Saturday evening in honor of Miss Roberta Church and her fiance Lee Meyn, by his sisters Mrs. Walter Pohl and Mrs. Clyde Knox of Hallsport.

Mrs. Ina Rogers and Mrs. Denzel Baker were called to the Townsend Hospital in Gowanda to see her brother, Herbert Robbins, who was severely injured in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Northrup have purchased the home corner of West Greenwood and Second

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