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don't even have to come back if you don't want to, (laugh) and anybody else who will leave and not come back. And "Squire" Wehrbein, voting to let everybody carry these pistols in these financially stressed times, why, what might happen when the banker comes on the place to foreclose or sends somebody to foreclose and it has become a habit for the debtor to carry a pistol even off his or her property? The pistol probably will be carried at home because it has now become a part of that person's attire, and it will be whipped out first to menace the individual coming on the land; next to reinforce an argument and a demand that this person get off the land or else, and the person who has come on the land is likely to be a law enforcement officer. If the officer is wise, he or she will back off the land. It is not the time to have a shootout. If the law enforcement officer is arrogant, egotistical and unwise, he or she will say, or else what? Then the person, whose property it is, having been pushed into a corner, will say, or else I will make you get off my land. And the officer will say, how do you propose to do that? Then the person cocks the pistol and, as always happens in these cases, it goes off. Guns go off. People don't shoot them. It will go off and the officer is struck. If the shooter is lucky, the officer will not die. If the shooter is unlucky, the officer will die. Now let's say that the officer is wise. What would a wise officer do in a situation like this? The officer would let the person know, you don't need to do anything rash; I am leaving. Then the officer goes back to his or her station, notifies whoever is in charge of what happened. Then steps are taken to make sure that that individual with the pistol does not leave that area to menace others in his or her disordered state of mind. There might be an opportunity presented for somebody to make contact with that person and talk him or her down from that high level of emotional stress to the point where he or she can be reasoned with. The reasoning process takes time. This is a bit of psychology which is known by all people who have studied military history. If you have a military force which operates on the basis of great ardor, excitement and enthusiasm, that force often will overrun a foe because their ferocity has not been encountered, and the ones being attacked, not having seen anything like this, are thrown into disarray and can be overwhelmed. However, if the ones being attacked are a smaller