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POST FUND DRIVE

The membership of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following merchants for their wonderful receiving of our Fund Raising Committee workers. At this time our total amount raised stands at \$8,000. We take pride in publishing the fellowship list of merchants that have been so understanding of our dream for a new Legion Home. Our drive is now starting to progress and our intentions are to keep adding names in each issue of our paper as drive members bring in additional donations. Our door to door drive of Legion Members is also in progress.

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SHUFFLEBOARD SHUDDERS

By SHUFFY DUFFY

The Blanchard Post Shuffleboard League is in great shape—financial that is. Jim Cornes, President, Treasurer and Arbitrator is riding herd on collection of dues. We have so much in the treasury that there is more concern about the banquet than the weekly matches. Latest word is a chartered bus with refreshments to and from a mountain retreat.

While weekly attendance has been exceptional a few old familiar faces are missing. Andy Rooney, Ed Costigan and the red-headed erstwhile champ have not been around much this year. However, the baker and George are still going strong. All (Punch) Adams and his partner won six straight matches, but they were all against R. Wellington. Incidentally, it is rumored that Shorty may be disqualified for late arrival. Also

Jim Fanning and Fred Grasser have been suffering a mid-season slump. Russ Denegar has been having his troubles too. In fact, we have heard that Al Woehrle watched the matches the other night and is ready to challenge the board. The main trouble with the league is that board is too fast (or too slow) or too warped (or not warped enough). The nice thing about our board is that it provides everybody with an alibi. It has been noticed that the services of the referee, Arthur, have not been called on. Either the matches are not as close or Art's eyes aren't as good. Drop in Some Thursday about 8:00 and drink a lot—it helps kill the pain of the shuffleboard talent.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, January 6—The Post Affairs Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post Meeting, 8:30 p.m..

MONDAY, January 20—Mid-monthly Post Meeting 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 21—Blanchard Auxiliary meets 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 25—German Night at Blanchard Post. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Dancing—9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

MONDAY, January 27—Board of Directors meeting 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 30—Albany County Legion meets at Zaloga Post, Albany.

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GERMAN NIGHT

Once more it's that time of year for our annual German night. Remember last year, what a good time we all had? So let's do it again.

On Saturday night, January 25, 1969, the Blanchard Post, with committeemen Guy Switzer and Al Beckmann (Mr. Schaefer) and with help from "Tip" Nelson and Ben Pearsall, will make this night one of the biggest. Again we have engaged the famous chef Herman Habich who will prepare his delicious roast pork dinner, which will be served from 5:30 to 9:00. For those with a thirst, there will be Schaefer beer on tap, which you can drink from a Schaefer souvenir mug.

After dinner there will be dancing to the music of the Hofbrau Six under the direction of George Covell, formerly with the Bavarian Baron's. Dancing will be from 9:30 to 1:30 with lots of good German music.

Let's make this a gala night and the price is only \$3.50 per person. But buy your tickets early. Auf Wiedersehen.

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*** AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**

By MARCIA ROSENFELD

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Lee Hurley, Child Welfare chairman informs us that we donated cases of fresh orange juice to St. Catherine's and St. Margaret's Homes for Children. Lee also is to be congratulated for the marvelous work she did selling the candies—24 cases in all. Janet Setzer got 'a big hug' from Lee for selling an outstanding amount of cans of candies to her co-workers.

The raffle is over — and with great success. The Auxiliary wishes to thank Commander William Campbell and all Legionnaires for their co-operation. Chairman Marcia Rosenfield is in gratitude to Legionnaire John Brady who made the attractive poster, Commander Bill and Zen Campbell who sold tickets at all the Post affairs and to Legionnaires Charles Setzer and Joe Cummings whose total sellings were over 100 books. Also Art Quinn who sold books between mixing drinks. Charles Setzer sold the winning ticket and Irene Van Wormer sold the ticket which won the second prize.

Thank you's are also in order for Joan Stowers and Helen Quinn who pasted the Christmas Dinner favors together, to Norrine Cooke for the delightful entertainment and to Irene White who made the Grab Bag a fun time

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ESTHER COOKE—We missed your birthday in the December issue but it's still not too late to say—May this be one of the nicest years that ever came your way.

The next monthly meeting will be the 21st of January—Tuesday—at 8:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Calendar

FRIDAY, January 17—County meeting at 8:00 p.m. Place to be announced.

TUESDAY, January 21—Monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Post.

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NONSENSE

BLESSED is the man who knows how to indulge in nonsense. Sometimes nonsense is the highest form of sense. All of us have known men who were approaching a breaking point in their relations, to be brought together by some statement of unrelieved silliness, thrown consciously into the discussion by someone with a sense of proportion.

Every business organization, even banks, should have somewhere on the premises a man who refuses to take life too seriously and who dares laugh at the commonplace things which the serious-minded are inclined to think of as sacred. Such a man punctures the balloons of the pompous, whisks worries away by the magic of his laughter, and opens the doors of musty rooms upon the scented gardens of the fresh world out of doors.

HOW VERY TRUE

A good night's sleep has a way of bringing unsolved problems back into correct proportions.

He who would climb a tree must grasp its branches—not the blossoms.

There never was any heart truly great and generous that was not also tender and compassionate.

Civility is a charm that attracts the love of all men; and too much is better than to show too little.

Until a youth takes as eager an interest in his vocation as in his vacation he is not worth very much.

Progress is the activity of today and the assurance of tomorrow.

Give bread to a stranger in the name of the universal brotherhood which binds together all men under the common father of nature.

Leisure is a beautiful garment, but it will not do for constant wear.

Religion is the best armor in the world, but the worst cloak.

There is far more hunger for love and appreciation in the world than there is hunger for bread.

Habit is either the best of servants or the worst of masters.

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Sorry to report our 780 membership quota will not be met by January 1 as we had hoped in order for Blanchard Post to receive special citation from County Headquarters.

We have a total of 600 paid-up members. Members still owing their 1969 dues will soon receive statements in the mail and prompt cooperation will be appreciated. Remember after January 1 your 1968 membership cards are invalid, so make remittance to Hugh Stowers as soon as possible and you'll have your '69 card without delay.

Tinsel Ball and Egg Nog Party

Another successful time was had by all—music by Roger Di Nucci and band had everyone hopping. The egg nogs were fine and really got the party off to a great start. Just to name a few enjoying themselves were, Kay and Bill Bellinger, Jo and Ed Bollman, the Daltons, McGoeys and late arrivals, the Tyman's.

Happy New Year
everyone.

Jewish Night

Congratulations to Sid Kaplan and company for a great time at the Jewish Night affair. The food was very good plus fine entertainment. (Music, Songs, and Dancing) by Francis Murphy and band, and wonderful songs by the one and only Jerry Romano, who also keeps the party lively, (with his sing along program). The house was full and everyone enjoyed the complete evening.

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The burning flame forever more
Reminds us of our leader's roar.
Together, made him all around
The leadership and courage bound
The highest man then to be praised;
Until the future clear was hazed—
And then began the endless flame
And on one man lay all the blame.
Now many, many years have gone,
Many past tomorrow's dawn.
Placed next to him the fire burns;
He still lives on as our world turns,
But at the end when our sun dies
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"Thank you very much for your fruitcake. It arrived yesterday on Thanksgiving Day when we were all sitting around feeling pretty low. So when it came we just tore into it and everybody wanted to make sure I mentioned their name in this letter because they want to thank you.—" And the names of his Marine buddies from Chicago, Texas, South Carolina and California are in the letter which came from George Nealon of the Third Marine Division in Vietnam.

George is the son of Blanchard Legionnaire Frank Nealon. The letter closed with "Really made the day for us knowing somebody is thinking of you."

The letter from George is a sample of the response from the work of the Committee That Cares which under the auspices of Blanchard Post and the combined efforts of its representative on the Committee with those from the other organizations in the Town of Bethlehem keeps the spirit of thoughtfulness alive between the homefront and the Vietnam warfront.

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Bill has been giving these decorations for many years. Thanks again Bill.

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We rush on so fast in these strenuous days, we're apt to find fault when it's better we praise. We judge a man's worth by the make of his car; we're anxious to learn what his politics are. But somehow it seldom gets under the hide, the fact that the fellow we're living beside is a fellow like us, with a hankering, too, for a grip of the hand and a "How do you do!"

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TROOP 58 HAS NEW LEADER

A warm welcome from all of us goes to the new Scout Master of Troop 58, long sponsored by our Post. He is Clement Dunkley, a Highway Engineer with the Federal Highway Administration. New to our community, Clem moved into Delmar only a few months ago. His move was timely for the continued existence of our Boy Scout Troop which at the time was without a Scoutmaster.

The situation was truly grave. It kept Blanchard Legionnaire Larry McArthur, who bears the title of Institutional Representative, and the Troop Committee, of whom only a few are Blanchard Post members—but all truly dedicated to the cause of the Boy Scouts—spending many anxious days and nights—and meetings in their quest for a new Scout leader.

Clem comes ideally qualified. He moved here from Salem, New Hampshire where for the past four years he has been the assistant scoutmaster. He and his wife reside at 32 Wellington Road. They have two sons and two daughters ranging in ages from four to ten.

Troop 58 has the names of thirty lads on its roster. As this is written they are in the process of scheduling a program for the next six months. Last month despite the rain that marred their scheduled Saturday for the paper-collection drive they did a good job, reports Mrs. Dunkley. Their meetings take place at the Elsmere School on Tuesday evenings. They have just completed a series of demonstrations which teach them winter-camping operations.

The annual renewal of the Troop Charter, Post Commander Bill Campbell announces, will take place at the mid-February Post meeting.

The other members of the Troop Committee to whom credit goes for finding the new Scoutmaster are: Assistant Scoutmasters Don Brossman, Ken Bauer, Ray Linstroth and Dave Creighton; Scout Executive Bob Shultz; Neighborhood Committeeman Fred Lynk; District Committeeman, for the Helderberg District, Russ Johnson.

Also, Junior Scoutmaster Dave Creighton; Senior Patrol Leader Mike Lynes, and Assistant Don Webster; Committee Chairman Hank Digeser; Camping and Activities Members Al Raymond, Dick Herrman, and Bob Walsh; Advancement members Irv Sandler, Bob Bullock and Fred Webster; Transportation advisors Joe Simon, Ed Rook and Roger Creighton; Secretary and Treasurer John Flynn.

Troop 58 has lads from eleven to fifteen years of age. They are:

THE TALLEST CHRISTMAS TREE

One Christmas Eve long ago I relaxed in my easy chair, weary with the preparations for Christmas. As usual, we had climbed the hillside pasture to bring down the most beautiful tree we could find and it stood before me in the living room. Its woodsy fragrance filled the air like oriental perfume and its lights twinkled like stars on a frosty night.

Slowly the tree seemed to grow larger until it became the tallest tree I had ever seen. It was fashioned out of time. Its boughs were hours, its twigs minutes and the needles were seconds strong enough to hold a gift.

Suddenly a voice startled me. "What gift will you put on the tree? What offering will you bring the Christ Child? Taken aback, I struggled for an answer. I had remembered my family and circle of friends but I had never once thought of including Christ.

I saw that the things in the store windows are really not necessary for the happiness of mankind. The thousand and one things that can be bought in the stores are but the tinsel on the tree and not the gifts. What humanity needs is faith, hope, love, understanding, truth, justice, and concern, and these things are within the power of the poorest of us to give.

"What can I give?" I cried aloud.

The voice answered. "Hang on the tree the gift of healing. Help to soothe some deep wounds in your community that selfish pride has worn. Hang a prayer on the tree—a prayer for the world, for a friend, or even an enemy. Place on the tree the gift of your will—the gifts of firm resolution and of high purpose. Hang these on the tree of time."

I left my chair and walked toward the tree. Suddenly it was small again, with nothing on it but glittering tinsel. But in the distance I thought I heard the angels singing.

CHOICE BITS

There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. True nobility is being superior to your previous self.

To attain the unobtainable is God's work. To try is yours.

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Love of mankind is an empty phrase unless we can first learn to love our neighbor.

Because you have occasional low spells of despondence, don't despair. The sun has a sinking spell every night, but it rises again all right the next morning.

Genius for the most part is the brave use of past experience.

Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause-and-effect.

Do it well or not at all.

All good work is essentially done without hesitation, without difficulty, without boasting.

Salesmanship is simply helping folks.

There is something that is much more scarce, something finer far, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.

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GO THE SECOND MILE

A good many years ago a struggling young reporter on a New York daily newspaper was considered a fool by his associates. He hustled for news for nine hours of the day and then worked at magazine writing five more hours at his home. He continued at this speed for ten years—fourteen hours daily! But the other fellows called him a fool, and said life was too short.

This man was Albert Payson Terhune, the noted writer who became best known for his stories about dogs. This young man—unknown, obscure, unheralded—plugged away night after night at the task he loved when the rest of the bunch were "getting something out of life." They continued this "getting something"—about the same as they had received thirty years before—while Terhune's fame and fortune rose remarkably. He proved that it pays to go the second mile, and make the journey often.

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HWUY-UNG ON FOOTBALL

The sight of a football game in America inspired Hwuy-Ung, an oriental gentleman from the hinterlands of Asia, to make these observations on the popular November sports classic:

"The people in this land have mad liking for Foo-poh (football) and think of it from morning-head early to half night. The new-hear papers have pages filled with its description . . .

"I went to see the game. Before arriving at place, I heard roar of voices. I not know what to feel. Going near, a deaf man could hear again and one with hearing be made deaf. Within edge were three ten thousand men and women. Sitting body we look see game.

"It was same as battle; two groups of men in struggling contention. These young, strong, quick men, what do? Men one side try kick goose-egg pattern ball between two poles that represent gate or entrance. They run like hares, charge each other like bulls, knock down one the other rushing in pursuit of ball to send through enemy's poles. When ball is kicked good and caught with quickness then voices of the people burst forth like sound of mountain wave dashing against cliff. Men and women mad with excitement yell and scream at the players. Some common men call out jeering advice or abuse in loud voice. This they do for foolish display, yet not have courage nor ability to do themselves.

"It is violent game and men often eat injury. But to make them bold and hardy it passes ten thousand games, for it is like fighting. Men thus brave will make top-good soldiers. We must adopt this game in my country."

WORDS OF WISDOM

I am a great believer in luck. The harder I work the more of it I seem to have.

Failure to hit the mark is never the fault of the target. To improve your aim, improve yourself.

The only true happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose.

A friend whom it has taken years to win should not be displeasing to you in a moment. A stone is many years becoming a ruby—take care that you do not destroy its luster in an instant.

We produce in our lives what we have imaged—what we habitually picture is projected into our daily living.

Blessed is the leader who can develop leaders while leading.

To be without some of the things you want is an indispensable part of happiness.

Conceit is a closer companion of ignorance than of learning.

Don't let the best you have ever done be the standard for the rest of your life.

COMMON SENSE

He is wise who has endured all the pains of mankind—and still smiles in serenity.

You are younger today than you ever will be; make use of it for the sake of tomorrow.

Most quarrels are inevitable at the time, incredible afterward.

Nothing contributes more to peace of mind than to have no opinions whatever.

Kindness is the kingpin of success in life; it is the prime factor in overcoming friction and making the human machinery run smoothly.

Happy are they that hear their detractions and can put them to mending.

Security is mortal's chiefest enemy. There's place and means for every man alive.

In order to do an urgent and important work, two things are necessary: a definite plan, and not quite enough time.

"If someone has spoken ill of me, do not be so foolish as to hope to curry favor with me by telling me of it," said Elbert Hubbard.

FOURTEEN ERRORS OF LIFE

To ATTEMPT to set up your own standard of right and wrong and expect everybody to conform to it.

To try to measure the enjoyment of others by your own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

To yield to unimportant trifles.

To look for perfection in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate if we can all that needs alleviation.

Not to make allowances for the weaknesses of others.

To consider impossible what we cannot ourselves do.

To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.

To live as if the moment, the time, the day, were so important that it would live forever.

To estimate people by some outside quality, for it is that within which makes the man.

GIVE THANKS FOR SIMPLE THINGS

Great rivers have beginnings in such simple things as gently-forming dew;

—the merry babbling of a little brook splashing playfully o'er clean white stones and gracefully winding its way between thick wooded hills and quiet meadows, past orchards heavy with ripened fruit, carrying in its cool, transparent waters the rippling laughter of children and the splash of lowing cattle; the song of oriole and lark, the droning hum of bees, and the throaty croak of frogs; the rich, deep tones of country church bells, and the far-off call of tinkling cow bells; the fragrance of soft green moss, and the smell of newly harrowed earth; the incandescent light of fireflies and the clear reflected blue of summer skies;

—the placid bosom of a mountain pool reflecting pale soft moonlight and the shining majesty of glittering stars;

—the warmth of fresh spring rains;

—the distant rumbling of a summer storm . . .

—such simple things as raindrops, softly melting snow;

—the drip of cool spring water upon the shaded rocks;

—the splash of waterfalls that hold within them memories of a thousand rainbows.

Combined, such simple things become great rivers, mighty in their power, swift-flowing, rich in depth.

Just so, the dignity, the power, the majesty of man consists of simple things, brought forth from out the depth of Inner Spirit, touched with glory by the Father's hand, to Whom we daily render humble thanks.

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