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Money Report (Building Fund)

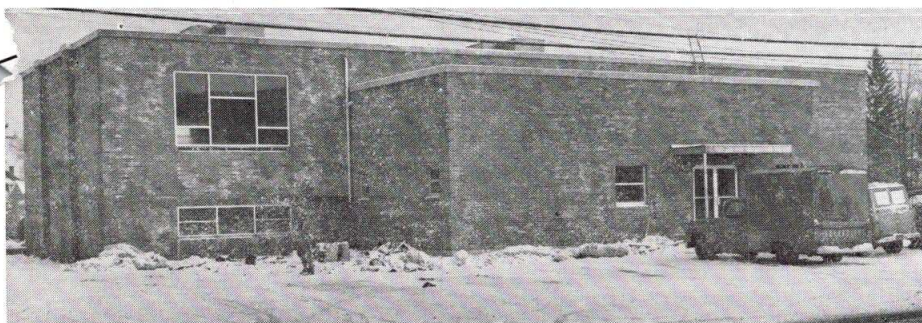
Listening to the building fund report given by Joe Von Ronne, plus all the problems and tribulations, I think its time (overdue) to give the fund raising committee a tremendous hand. Members involved are many but especially members such as Joe Von Ronne, George Butman and Al Greenwood! They have promised at least \$20,000 and they *did it!* How can you thank men like that enough? With all the telephone calls, paper work and pledges kept in order it must have been quite a task.

As of December 12, 1969, this is the report the editor received for the 1040 Fund Drive only:

Pledges and donations	\$20,751.81
20 Week Club (John Ennis, chairman, and doing a great job)	7,000.00
Savings Account from Post activities for Building Fund	5,000.00
Total	\$32,751.81

We still have a great deal more to go, but this is a very good start. Thanks to the cooperation of all the members and all the donators to the success of the New Post. Let us all keep up on pledges, donations, and whatever help necessary.

HAPPY NEW YEAR — AND POST



WON'T BE LONG NOW. That is what inspector Hank Kindberg seems to be saying. And by the looks of it we all agree. Gus Williams, our builder, said BY FEB. the latest.

LETTER TO OUR POST

Mr. Hugh Stowers
Commander, Nathaniel Adams
Blanchard Post No. 1040

Dear Commander:

My sincere thanks and appreciation to the Post for again contributing to the American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop at the Veterans Hospital.

Your generous contribution was again used to purchase jewelry, which is always a very popular item at the Shop.

Again my thanks.

Legionally yours,
Maud A. Hafley
President

Sports Carnival

The Sports Carnival is coming your way soon. There will be plenty of hot dogs, hot drinks, prizes and many other surprises. Look up Ollie Palmer (chairman), for details of the exact date and place.

Thanks, Bill and Jack

William McKeough once again has donated the Christmas tree for the children's party. Decorating the tree was taken care of by Jack Brady. Thanks go to both fellows.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Jan. 5—Post Affairs Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 19—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 20—Auxiliary meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 26—Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 29—County meeting at Bucci-McTague Post No. 1530 at 43 South Dove Street, Albany, N. Y.

New Members

Raymond Bender
William Ryder
Joseph Grant
Robert Hausmann
Richard Michalski
Forest Rodgers
Frank Maio
Walter Kinn
Thomas Kelly
Robert M. Connolly
Paul Morello
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Sam Capone
Robert Kraft

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That Bill Campbell claims he and his partner Phil Lee can beat anyone at the shuffle board. (It should be noted here that they also are the top team in the Post league).

We heard Al Beckman made the difficult 6-7-10 split while bowling with the Blanchard Post League. Not bad Al!

Also, Jules Aupperle hit high triple of 640 and Bud Mosmen had six strikes in a row.

Ed Bollman, a new member of the Post bowling league, warns all that his name won't be at the bottom of the league for long—so watch out!

Friday nights at the Post are sure humming again. With the fine music of Joey Emma, it's not surprising. Come on over—there's dancing, music, something to eat (sandwiches by Art and Toni), good stiff drinks, plus a chance to fill your pockets with dough. How, you say? Come and find out.

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★ AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary President's Corner

BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

President	Mrs. Herbert E. Hafley
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Second Vice Pres.	Mrs. William Campbell
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Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Donald Smith
Treasurer	Mrs. Edwin Tyman

When comparing the year ahead with the year we left behind, we find our membership was nearer quota in 1969. Let's make a New Year's resolution this turn of the decade to send to Zen our dues (\$3.50)—Mrs. William Campbell, 264 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y.

Another resolution of merit is to make an effort to come to the monthly meetings. If inclement weather doesn't keep you by the fireside, we cordially invite you to join us for our business meeting and afterwards socialize over coffee or tea.

The regular monthly meeting will be held January 20.

On January 30 the Auxiliary will sponsor the Fourth Floor Party at the Veterans Hospital.

The 39th Anniversary of Blanchard Auxiliary is in February. The men of our Legion will cater a birthday dinner for us. Imagine men on KP duty! Specific details will be announced in the next issue.

Our prayers and condolences are respectfully sent to the family of Charlotte Johnston, a beloved member and a past president. A contribution was sent to the First United Methodist Church in her memory.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to the family of Mary Greenwood. She participated in many Auxiliary affairs. A mass will be said at St. Thomas Church for the repose of her soul.

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TUESDAY, Jan. 20—Regular monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Jan. 27—County meeting

FRIDAY, Jan. 30—Fourth Floor Party at VA Hospital at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17—39th Anniversary Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

POST NEWS

We took a tour inside our new Post the other night with Gus Williams. I was very much surprised at the amount of work already completed.

Gus Williams was very thorough in showing and explaining just about every corner of the building—from the heating, various rooms, lighting, plus the main and good size banquet and ball room. Also, a complete picture of the kitchen stoves, washers and everything else that goes with it.

With the information Gus received from Jerry Romano about the band stand site, and microphone systems, I am sure the members will appreciate it for many years to come.

All the interest, generous of his time, know-how, and with the great effort that Gus is giving to the success of the new Post, a big hand and many thanks should be given to this man. No one will ever know the heartaches and frustrations that must go along with the completion of this big responsible project.

After one of our meetings not too long ago, a group of members got to discussing the Vietnam massacre of civilians including women and children and they all agreed that American soldiers would not shoot down a woman or child in cold blood. Some of these members were hard core fighting men of World War II and the Korean Conflict. However, they did say, that when going through a hamlet, village, or town, regardless of intelligence reports, that it was hostile or friendly, precaution must be taken. And if fired upon, fire back and try to level or clear the area. Also, in jungle fighting it is very difficult to determine the enemy from friendly people. On many occasions young people (boys and girls) would be armed to the teeth ready to destroy you at the drop of a hat. It was noted that during the heat of battle, and when you are fighting for your life, you will shoot at anything that moves, or it may be your last move. Women and children caught in the center of a battle of death is a very sorrowful thing. However, it is usually caused by the enemy to kill and confuse and allow them to escape to another area.

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FAREWELL DINNER

What a party held at the Post recently! It was the farewell dinner and dance. And by the amount of members dancing all night you could see and feel a great time was had by all.

Francis Murphy's music was terrific and the songs by Jerry Romano sure had every one in a gay mood. (The old pro was tops again.)

They say Bob Getner was in charge of the cooking and he should be complimented on an excellent job. The food (roast beef) was very, very good. Bob was quick to mention without all the aid given to him (all members) he would never have made it.

So here are some names of the toilers. Joe Cumings (who worked very hard in the kitchen), Gus Williams, the four Smiths (Mr., Mrs., Don and Bob), Phil Giacome and his lovely wife, Bill and Zen Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Palmer, the Phil Lee's, Bernice Lawson and Hank Kindberg (our activities chairman who always does a great job).

Members seen enjoying the party that night were Milt and Marge Andre, the Switzers, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cole, Edna and Andy Rooney, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lenseth, Little Mary Mele, the Ed Corps, Harold and Ruth Jorgenson, Jim Fanning (past commander), Ken Burns and his wife, Lillian Blanchard (who worked on tickets), Mary and Sid Kaplan (who also worked the party), and reported at the meeting it was a great success. Also our Commander Hughie Stower and his wife Joan (who worked on the raffle), which did very well for the Auxiliary. Also seen were Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Schmitz, the Barkhuffs, Mr. and Mrs. Roy LeMay, and Earl McGuirk (who is responsible for all those films of the old days of the Post).

A note was handed to me and I was told to be sure to mention it: that the wildest dancing couple on the floor that night was none other than Edie Romano (our director of our Post show) and your Reporter M.M. This note was given to me by Bill Bellinger and Ed Bollman. Their wives, Kay and Jo, also agreed.

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REHAB CORNER

DIC INCREASE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

A long sought objective of The American Legion was accomplished October 13 when the Senate concurred with the House amendments to the DIC bill and cleared it for the President. The bill, S1471, as amended, now PL 91-96 authorizes increases in the rates of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payable to widows and children of veterans who died of service-connected disability. The new rates, effective on the first day of the second calendar month following date of enactment, are based on the pay grade of the deceased serviceman as set forth in the following table:

Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-1	\$167.00
E-2	172.00
E-3	177.00
E-4	187.00
E-5	193.00
E-6	197.00
E-7	206.00
E-8	218.00
E-9	228.00
W-1	211.00
W-2	219.00
W-3	226.00
W-4	238.00
O-1	211.00
O-2	218.00
O-3	234.00
O-4	247.00
O-5	272.00
O-6	306.00
O-7	332.00
O-8	363.00
O-9	390.00
O-10	426.00

Under existing law, the widow of a man whose death is attributable to military service receives a monthly payment of \$120.00 plus 12% of his basic pay. Thus, each time military pay is increased the widow receives a nominal increase in monthly DIC, but the military pay increases have not been distributed evenly among all military ranks. This has resulted in greater increases for certain ranks and as a result the monthly payments to service-connected widows have become disproportionate. PL 91-96 will correct this disparity to a great extent. It eliminates the present method of

computing payments to survivors and substitutes a definite schedule of payments for each military rank. In addition, it will provide increases to those widows whose monthly payments have lagged behind the increase in the cost of living. The law also authorizes an additional payment of \$20.00 per month for each minor child. It removes the disparity in existing law by authorizing an additional payment of \$50.00 monthly to each service-connected widow receiving survivor benefits if she is a patient in a nursing home or requires the regular aid and attendance of another person. This benefit now exists for the widow of a veteran who died of causes unrelated to military service and the Legion believes it should also be made available to the service-connected widow. The measure as sent to the President does not include some features sought by The American Legion. It does, however, accomplish most of our objectives in this regard and we are delighted with the action by the Congress. The President signed this legislation into law on October 27 and it became PL 91-96. It will take effect on December 1, 1969 and will be automatic. On November 5, the President signed two additional bills into law. HR 2768 became Public Law 91-101. This measure eliminates the six months limitation on nursing home care for hospitalized veterans with service-connected disabilities who have reached the nursing home care stage. HR 3130 is now Public Law 91-102. This law authorizes the VA to furnish out-patient care, drugs and medication for non-service connected disabilities of veterans disabled from service-connected disabilities.

— Harold Barkhuff

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INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

	Total	Games	Avg.
1 Loftus, E.	6444	36	179
2 Andre, M.	6413	36	178
3 Tangora, A.	6756	39	173
4 Johnston, W.	5691	33	172
5 Smith, R.	6143	36	170
6 Lenseth, R.	6570	39	168
7 Bender, R.	6994	42	166
8 Larkin, S.	6165	37	166
9 Lantz, G.	6927	42	165
10 Klett, S.	5843	36	162
11 Aupperle, J.	6295	39	161
12 Berry, W.	6734	42	160
13 Bowra, R.	478	3	159
14 Pugliese, A.	6159	39	157
15 Beckmann, A.	5623	36	156
16 Smith, D.	6381	42	152
17 Mitchell, W.	5936	39	152
18 Buker, F.	5000	33	152
19 Kindberg, L.	1367	9	152
20 Roach, W.	2276	15	151
21 Eagan, V.	5853	39	150
22 Cole, R.	5424	36	150
23 Hanrahan, E.	5399	36	150
24 Stahlhut, F.	4976	33	150
25 Butman, W.	6243	42	149
26 Switzer, G.	5840	39	149
27 Volk, W.	5829	39	149
28 Brady, J.	5819	39	149
29 Haker, J.	5334	36	148
30 Wickert, A.	2629	18	146
31 Mosmen, B.	3926	27	145
32 Bollman, E.	2177	15	145
33 Wiley, C.	6012	42	143
34 McCabe, L.	5435	39	139
35 Campbell, W.	5190	39	133
36 Burns, K.	5571	42	132
37 Monette, L.	4700	39	121
38 Fanning, J.	4236	36	118

TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Tanks	33½	25+	16+	.610
Artillery	33	25	17	.596
Navy	32½	23+	18+	.561
Marines	27½	19+	22+	.463
Army	26	19	23	.452
Engineers	25	20	22	.476
Infantry	24	17	25	.405
Coast Guard	22½	18+	23+	.439

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Covered Dish Supper

The Ladies Auxiliary gave a covered dish supper a while back, and although we are late in reporting it due to the 1040 Times deadline, it must be said that the ladies did a splendid job again.

Maud Hafley, President of the Auxiliary, gave a fine talk and thanked the ladies for a good job.

The gals responsible for a good time, and great service were Ruth Burns (the chairman of the affair), (hat off) Joan Stowers, Lee Hurley, Helen Quinn, Zen Campbell, Esther Cook and Gloria Broom. I know Hughie Stowers, our commander, who also attended, was very pleased as he mentioned in his speech at the dinner, and it's agreed with the commander, without the help of our Auxiliary, progress would have been much slower.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
(December 15)

Bob Smith (membership chairman) reports 530 members are paid up, and hopes the rest of the members would send their dues as soon as possible. Also if you change your address, please report it to the Post.

Don Smith told the members, uniforms for the Firing Squad have been acquired and all is well. (The fittings are good.) Plus new neckerchiefs.

Ned Stringem has been selected for our oratorical contest, to be held January 28. Good luck Ned. We are all pulling for you.

We were all sorry to learn that Al Greenwood lost his wife. It shocked every one of us. Also, James Decker, a member, passed away recently.

At the next meeting a discussion about closing or keeping the bar open during meetings to be taken up.

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LEGISLATIVE POT BOILS

As the first session of the 91st Congress moves closer to adjournment, activity on veterans' legislation has increased. There has been movement in both the Senate and House recently on a number of bills of interest to The American Legion.

In the House

The following bills, previously cleared by the Committee on Veterans Affairs, were passed and sent to the Senate on October 6 where they were referred to the Committee on Finance. HR 372, as amended, to modify the reporting requirement and establish additional income exclusions relating to pension for veterans and their widows and to liberalize the bar to payment of benefits to remarried widows of veterans. HR 10106 to revise the definition of a "child" for purposes of veterans benefits and to recognize an adopted child as a dependent from the date of issuance of an interlocutory decree. HR 10912, to liberalize the conditions under which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is required to effect recoupment from disability compensation otherwise payable to certain disabled veterans.

In the Senate

The following bills have passed the Senate: S 1279, as amended, providing that any disability of a veteran who is a former prisoner of war is presumed to be service-connected for purposes of hospitalization and out-patient treatment. S 2452, providing retirement benefits for officers of the Public Health Service equal to those provided for officers in the Armed Services. S-2264, as amended, authorizing funds for programs in the field of communicable disease control. The Legion views this measure as important for the reason that one-half of all the pre-school children in the poverty areas are not adequately immunized against polio, measles and other preventable diseases. The following bills were passed with amendments and returned to the House: HR 693, to exempt veterans receiving VA pension from the so-called paupers oath for the purpose of VA hospitalization for non-service-connected conditions. HR 9334, to increase the federal payment for hospital care in State veterans homes from \$3.50 to \$7.50 per day, and authorize a \$5 million appropriation on a matching fund basis for ten years to assist the states in remodeling or altering existing facilities. HR 9634, to provide the Administrator of Veterans Affairs with greater discretion in the employment of medical personnel.

Shuffle Board League

To date we had very little news to print about our Shuffle Board League. However, we hear they have a large league coming along. The team comprised of Campbell and Lee were on top with Dalton and "Shorty" Williams closing in fast... maybe first by press time. We will have full information on all teams in the next issue.

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Activities

Because of the new building there will be some changes in the scheduling of monthly activities. We will have a new schedule drawn up for all Post activities for 1970 as soon as possible.

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4th Day: Lisbon/Badajoz—Lisbon morning at leisure. Afternoon departure for Badajoz. Check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

5th Day: Badajoz/Madrid—Morning departure for Madrid. Travel through the villages and market towns of Western Spain to Oropesa to have luncheon at the old Castle. Arrive in Madrid for dinner.

6th Day: Madrid—Morning sightseeing of Madrid includes visits to world-famous Prado Museum, the unique Plaza Mayor, charming Retiro Park, Puerto del Sol, geographic center of Spain, elegant Jose Antonio Avenue, and the impressive Plaza de Espana. The afternoon is free for shopping or any independent activity.

7th Day: Madrid—Full day at leisure in Madrid, the gayest European capital.

8th Day: Madrid/Granada—Morning departure for Granada via La Mancha, land of Don Quixote. After lunch at Valdepenas, continue to Granada, arrive in time for dinner at the hotel.

9th Day: Granada/Torremolinos—In the morning visit the magnificent Alhambra with its beautiful gardens. Afternoon departure for Torremolinos. Drive via the historic city of Malaga and continue along the Costa del Sol to Torremolinos.

10th Day: Torremolinos—Day at leisure. Enjoy sun, fun and bathing at Europe's fastest-growing beach resort.

11th Day: Torremolinos/Seville—Morning drive along the Mediterranean coast via

coastal resorts of Marbella and Algeciras to Puerto de Santa Maria for lunch. The Rock of Gibraltar dominates the country with its stark beauty. After lunch proceed to Jerez de la Frontera. (Visit a local wine processing plant and cellar.) Continue via the Guadalquivir Valley to Seville, capital of Andalusia, in time for dinner.

12th Day: Seville—Morning sightseeing includes visits to the Giralda Tower, the Alcazar, the impressive Cathedral, the narrow streets of the famous Santa Cruz Quarter, and the beautiful gardens of Maria Luisa Park. Afternoon at leisure for your own activities.

13th Day: Seville/Seville—Morning departure from Seville and Spain to return to Portugal. Stopover at Elvas for lunch, then to Evora, former seat of royal court and once the cultural center of Portugal.

14th Day: Evora/Lisbon—Morning walking tour of Evora. In early afternoon commence your return to Lisbon. Your journey will take you via Sesimbra and then on to newly constructed Salazar Bridge across Tagus River. Arrive Lisbon in time for dinner.

15th Day: Lisbon/New York—Morning is free for last-minute shopping or sightseeing in the Portuguese capital. Transfer to the airport in mid-afternoon for seven-hour flight by SWISSAIR or TAP Portuguese Airways jet to America, arriving in New York late afternoon. (Lunch served on board.)

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