



Ten Forty Times

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EIGHTEENTH YEAR

JANUARY 1974

"HATS OFF TO BARB"



Barbara Palmer is one of the many Blanchard Post girls we are so very proud of. Barbara—a past President of Blanchard Auxiliary—is this year's Department Chairlady for the Gift Shop at the VA Hospital.

One of the many things done by the American Legion Auxiliary is to see to it that veterans in VA Hospitals in New York State have the opportunity to select and send to their families, gifts at Christmas, at no cost to the veterans.

As Gift Shop Chairlady, she had to collect the monies from various auxiliaries and posts, buy the gifts, supervise the selections made by the vets, wrap and mail the gifts to the families.

Perhaps the magnitude of the job can be better shown by a few statistics. Of the over 800 patients at the VA Hospital, 661 selected gifts. The postage bill for these mailings came to \$436. A total of \$4,582, as well as many gift donations was collected from the Third and Fourth Districts. These districts cover 16 counties, 137 Auxiliary Units and many Legion Posts. About 135 workers contributed over 1,500 hours of hard work to help make the Gift Shop a success.

We salute you Barbara for a tremendous job well done, and speaking as veterans, thank God girls like you are concerned with our well-being.

P.S. If anyone was watching the Channel 13 news either at 6 p.m. or 11 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, there were some interesting highlights about the Volunteer Program at the VA Hospital. The camera caught Barbara Palmer with two wheelchair patients, one of them none other than the Auxiliary's adopted Charlie Butler. In another shot starting with the emblem on the Blanchard jacket and then up to the face of Jolly Ollie, reading to a bed patient.

Tenth Annual German Night

We are all looking forward to German Night on January 26. Bill Campbell is chairman; Barbara Whitney is the ticket chairman; Bob Getner is in charge of the kitchen; and Ed Korp the dining room. Art Quinn and girls will take care of dispensing the suds in beautiful 1974 German mugs. Steve Anthony will play us some German music. Get your tickets early from Barbara Whitney, 439-1057.

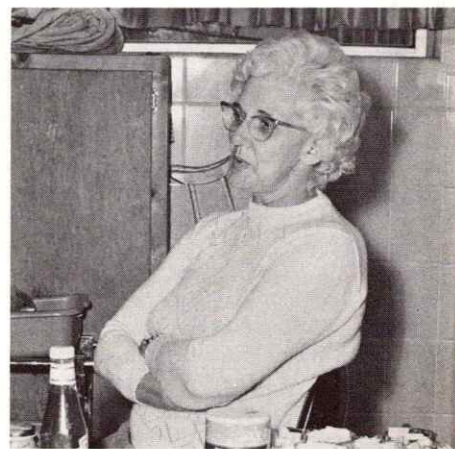
A Winner

A smiling November winner of the 50/50 Club drawing on one of the Friday nights was Bob Parkinson.

Taps

We mourn the passing of our departed comrades: Robert Connolly and Peter Schaming, Sr. Sincerest sympathy is extended to their families.

"ONE NICE GIRL"



One of the "girls" of the Auxiliary who has played a big part in making Post parties the success that they are is our "Ticket Lady," Barbara Whitney. For a lot of the parties at the Post Barbara has assumed the job of ticket chairlady, keeping track of reservations, collections and seeing to it that all who enter were bonafide ticket holders. In between time she has spent a lot of time in the kitchen helping out wherever a hand was needed.

Perhaps to some, she may be handicapped because she needs a little help in her locomotion, but those of us who know her don't feel this way. Barbara has raised a family, keeps house, has an outside job and is willing to help whenever asked. To us she's an inspiration, and one really gives the lie to those who when asked to help, reply, "I'm too busy."

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AUXILIARY NEWS

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We hope everyone had the happiest of holidays and that all are now rested and ready to go in the new year.

Our raffle for the diamond heart necklace was a success and our thanks to all those who sold tickets. The lucky winner was our own member, Kathy Buker.

Just a little late, but our thanks also to Jane Alwell and Lenore Smith who helped out last November at the polls. Sorry you were left out last time.

Barbara Palmer, Gift Shop Chairman at the VA Hospital, wishes to express her appreciation and thanks to the following girls who worked this year:

Zen Campbell, Eleanor Atwood, Diane Grasser, Madelyn Bryant, Peggy Pulver, Helen Reynolds, Barbara Selig, Marcia Turner, Pat Starkweather, Irene White, Betty Worden, Lenore Smith, and Barb and Wanda Whitney. Needless to say, one of the hardest working gals at the Gift Shop was the chairman herself. Congratulations, Barbara Palmer on a job well done.

Our Auxiliary has joined the Adopt a Vet Program and we have adopted a veteran from the VA Hospital. His name is Charlie Butler, 81 years young and he has no family. On Thanksgiving Day, the Palmers took him a shirt, socks and card from our Unit. These were bought from a collection taken from the girls attending our November meeting. Our "adopted vet" will also be remembered at Christmas with gifts from members. Only wish everyone could see the smile and happiness this is bringing to our vet.

Have no resolutions for the New Year but just want to pass along the following from *Rotary Voice*...

10 COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. *Speak to People.* There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. *Smile at People.* It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. *Call People by Name.* The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. *Be Friendly and Helpful.* If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. *Be Cordial.* Speak and act as if all you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. *Be Genuinely Interested in People.* You can like almost everyone if you try.
7. *Be Generous with Praise* . . . cautious with criticism.
8. *Be Considerate with the Feelings of Others.* There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right side.
9. *Be Alert to Give Service.* What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. *Add to this a Good Sense of Humor,* a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many times over.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 8 — Executive Committee Meeting
 Jan. 15 — Regular Auxiliary Meeting

And Still Another Winner

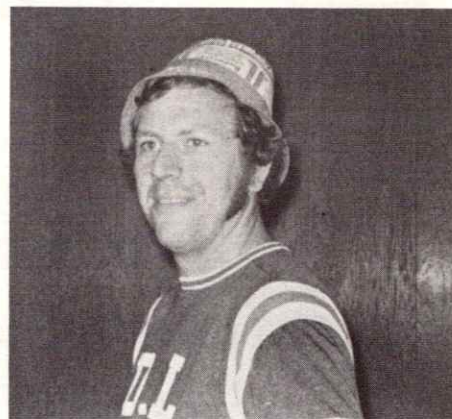
Main prize at the 50/50 Club drawing at the Tinsel Ball was won by Jonathan Van der Poel of Glenmont.

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His name is John Vogel and he is the current Post Adjutant. John was born in Albany in 19 sementy-lemon. Mr. Vogel attended St. Patrick's grammar school and Cardinal McCloskey High School. He was a member of the U.S. Marines, and he is married to a cute young lady named Carolyn. John and his wife live at 16 Alden Court with their two lovely children. John is very active in the Post and injects young blood to this old establishment. Be nice to Mr. Vogel for he spends many hours behind the Post bar as mixologist. John Vogel . . . good guy! P.S. John is the guy who wins all the money at the drawings.

Albany County Meeting

The next Albany County American Legion meeting will be held at Zaloga Post 1520 at 388 Clinton Ave., Albany. Check your Post for time and date and please plan to attend. All are invited.

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ANGLERS' BOWLING NEWS

With half the season already behind us, the teams are running very close. Below are team captains and standings:

Bullheads (Jim Berry)	34	18
Guppies (Ed Korp)	29½	22½
Piranhas (Franklyn Harris)	28	24
Perches (Wes Albright)	25	27
Flounders (Frank D'Santo)	23	29
Smelts (Don Smith)	23	29
Barracudas (Gus Franze)	22½	29½
Muskies (Bill Mitchell)	22	30

High triples for men: Frank D'Santo 610; Gus Franze 597; George Mayers 578; Jim Berry 568; Don Smith 561; Dave McMillen 555; Vern Eagan 551.

High triples for women: Gerry Klett 502; Grace Franze 488; May Smith 474; Barbara Palmer 474; Millie Albright 460; and Carol Berry 457.

High men singles are Joe Marino 247; Vern Eagan 242; Frank D'Santo 235; Gus Franze 235; George Mayers 225; and Jim Berry 222.

High women singles are: May Smith 182; Grace Franze 181; Gerry Klett 179; Rose Marino 177; and Marie McMillen 176.

Top averages in the league are:

Gus Franze	176	Grace Franze	144
Jim Berry	169	Millie Albright	142
Frank D'Santo	168	Barb Palmer	141

HELP!

We are still on the lookout for new talent to help out on Friday nights and to assist on party nights. Come on, sign up as a helper. We need you. After all, as a member you should be more than willing to help out. Come on—will you!

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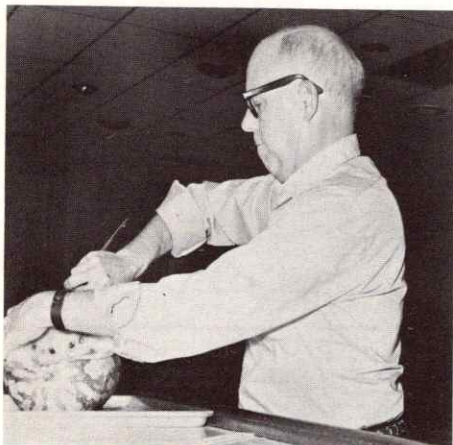
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WHO IS THIS MAN???



Do you recognize this man? He was caught in the act of stealing watermelon at Sid Kaplan's party. Anyone having information, kindly get in touch with Mr. Kaplan.

Another Winner?

This must be the end—when Bob Edwards wins a prize at the Tinsel Ball—it's like Howard Hughes winning a \$50 lottery. Oh well, Bob is a nice guy and he does his share as a Post worker.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

Jan. 26 German Night Dinner Dance
Feb. 2 Indoor Sports Day
Feb. 16 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Day Din/Dan
Mar. 24 Back-to-God Breakfast
Apr. 6 Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
Apr. 20 Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
May 19 Memorial Day Church Service
May 24 Installation of Officers
May 27 Memorial Day Parade

Regular monthly meetings every first and third Monday at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting last Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Request for Information

Vice Commander Ed Korp requests any member who knows of the current address of the following members, to please contact him. Old addresses were:

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Sick Call

Legionnaire Byron Turner is confined to his home at 17 Nathaniel Boulevard and would enjoy and appreciate a cheery note or hello from fellow members. Our Vice Commander, Ed Starkweather was hospitalized for knee surgery and is now home. He is doing a fantastic and successful job with the 20 Week Club project. Just heard that our past commander and loyal worker, John Ennis, will be hospitalized and due to undergo surgery shortly. We wish him our very best.

TWENTY CLUB WINNER



Senior Vice Commander Ed Starkweather is passing out the loot to winner at Twenty Week Club Dinner Dance. The winner was Mrs. Bill Blanchard. That's young Bill hanging on.

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TEAM STANDINGS

	H.S.	H.T.	Pts.	W	L	Pins
Air Force	874	2536	37	27	18	34891
Navy	907	2462	35	26	19	34947
Army	911	2413	34	24	21	34343
Sea Bees	856	2448	32	24	21	34239
Coast Guard	884	2383	26	21	24	34206
Infantry	845	2352	26	20	25	33884
Tanks	883	2411	26	20	25	33781
Marines	873	2452	24	17	28	33848

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A			Class B		
G. Roach	45	170	Cummings Sr.	36	152
Berry	45	168	Eagan	42	151
Whitney	42	167	Vail	45	151
Korp	45	167	Cummings Jr.	33	150
Havill	42	166	Feiden	33	148
Larkin	39	165	Dybas	36	148
Bender	33	165	Brady	45	147
Lantz	36	162	Pugliese	39	145
Tangora	45	161	Beckmann	39	145
Aupperle	42	161	Campbell	45	145
Andre	45	161	Mosmen	36	144
D. Roach	42	160	Volk	39	143
Foy	45	159	Cole	42	138
Palmer	39	159	Burns	45	137
Mitchell	42	159	Haker	42	135
Marino	45	158	Buker	33	128
Johnston	42	154	Alwell	42	128
Oates	33	153	Butman	45	128
Ristau	39	153	Monette	39	122
Pauquette	36	152	Stowers	42	118

THE EXTRA FRAME

... Jim BERRY, Bill JOHNSTON and George FEIDEN clobbered the maples hard enuf to git their name in the papers ... and Jules AUPPERLE 'n Gutter J. DUSTER are arranging an inspirational service before bowling to improve scores ... 'n I never did find out what Bob EDWARDS had in the metal tube that he was auctioning off to Matt DYBAS, Ken HAVILL and Red KERNAHAN ... and that Peg Korp is some dancer—one of the best of which is the Bumpsa-Daisy ... 'n always a nice quartet to be with are Milly and Bill KARINS and Lil and Frank ALGER (Lil and Frank have a son who is something of a magician ye future entertainment chairman should note!) ... Whatever happened to that famous war dance of Skip LARKIN? ... and I'll have to ask Bud MOSMEN, Fred BUKER, Joe VON RONNE what the cold weather tour plans are what with this gas shortage ... 'n I wonder if Al BECKMANN and Milt ANDRE have put away their golf clubs for the winter? ... AND if you think fame isn't ephemeral,

quickly name the first man to walk on the Moon! ... Ed Korp really laid it on 'em at last County Meeting, turning in 500-plus memberships to grab the No. 1 County spot for Blanchard ... 'n when you hear Larry MONETTE giving out with that Ed McMahon war-whoop you know someone on hiz team gotta strike! ... 'n when Cousins Gary and Doug ROACH get together during the bowling sessions it is to give each other pep talks? ... and Ed VAIL is one gent who never seems to lose his cool or good nature ... 'n it was nice meeting Mr. and Mrs. Fred TROMBE at the Tinsel Ball ... and we said good-bye to good friends when the Post played taps for our late members, Robert Connolly and Peter Schaming, Sr. ... and we haven't seen or heard from that globe-trotting couple Marge and Ed AHERN for quite a spell. (Hear they made the scene at the famed International Casino in Lowville) ... 'n whatever happened to that WW2 expression, Hubba! Hubba! ... Y'know I haven't talked with my pals Gayle and Joe CUMMINGS in quite a spell—where are those rascals? ... 'n I promise on Scout's honor that I will not ask Bill VOLK if his new car arrived yet! ... Always a good Post meeting when Lou Bob LEGLER is there to talk about the 1930-40 Albany ... and sure 'n be-jabbers Mike MELE, Hank VOORHEES & Co. outdid themselves with that Tinsel Ball—whatta feed! whatta party!—and whatta hangover — i, yi-yi, yi-yi! ... Betcha Dottie LANTZ had a good time at the Tinsel Ball and it's good to see Dan "The Giffer" LANTZ back in action after his bout with the Flu-Bug ... and we saw the King COLE Trio (Lucille, Dick, Dick Jr.) among the busy holiday shoppers ... 'n good to see Marcia and Frank TURNER at the Post for some Fry-night dancing ... Always a pleasure to see Zen CAMPBELL, Barb PALMER, Gloria BROOM at various Post affairs—and how'd that rascal Bob BROOM get so lucky to work two parties in a row? ... Barb and John HORNBERGER and Ruth and Bud KRIEDLER right in there pitchin' for Blanchard at the big-party

night! ... and Gaye and Bud RUKWID always add a good flavor to any Post affair ... Gotta check the upstairs keggers Don MOORE and Jerry DECKER to see how the scores are going ... and I'll tell yez one 'n all one great gal and that's Eleanor ATWOOD (yer a lucky rascal, Commander Mer!) ... Say, hey, fellas! Where have that great couple Dot and John ENNIS been of late? ... Till the month of Washington, Lincoln and landlords (he gets a month's rent for only 28 days). *The Gutter Duster*

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The evening's program was highlighted with past Commander Bill Campbell presenting Esther with a money tree covered with \$80 in bills. Esther was also made "Queen of the Alley Cat," after participating in the night's dance program.

Esther was born in Albany when the Delmar area was mostly farm country and Van Wies Point was a picnic area for her family. In the early 1920s, after moving to Delmar and long before "women's lib," Esther pumped gas from what is now the Delmar Corner Store. During WW2, she worked at the Voorheesville Army Depot and later worked as a "soda jerk" in Mullen's Drug, Elsmere when it first opened. Esther worked as a sales clerk with Mullen's till just recently when she retired. In this period she also ran for the office of town clerk and lost by only a few votes. If all of her grandchildren existed at that time she would have won the election. From her three sons—with some help from their wives—she proudly boasts of 13 grandchildren and 9 and 8/9s great grandchildren. Congratulations, Esther.

Thank You

The Tinsel Ball was held December 8 and I have a hunch everyone enjoyed themselves—at least it seemed that way. How about the decorations! They were outstanding, thanks to our Decorations Chairman, Gloria Broom, her able first assistant Wally Erlichman, together with Roxie, Bob Broom, Warren and Ronnie Meissner, Bob and Robin Mattice. And weren't the table decorations great? We thank the waiters Bud and Ruth Kreidler and John and Barb Hornberger.

How about those charcoal-broiled steaks that Hank Voorhees and Rollie Whitney cooked? Real good! Hank was assisted in the kitchen by Barbara Whitney and Ken Stinson. There was also a big assist from Art Quinn. *Thanks to all.* As we have said many times, it takes many people to make a party a success.

Another Winner

Another pair of Friday night smilers at the 50/50 Club drawing were Jane and Bill Alwell. We are happy for Jane for she is a very hard worker for the Friday night drawing.

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(In these days of unrelieved foreboding and gloomy news, all of us in this country could do with a little bucking up. It isn't often that we get a chance to see ourselves as a neighbor sees us—and be cheered by the image. Some time ago Gordon Sinclair, the Canadian radio and tv commentator, broadcast an editorial out of Toronto. Any number of people in the U.S. heard it or have since read it, as it has been widely reprinted in newspapers in this country. It was inserted in the "Congressional Record" and became the subject of many editorials.

This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth...

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, England and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the U.S.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris.

I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the U.S. that hurries in to help. ... This spring, 59 American communities were leveled by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions upon billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent and warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes.

Come on, let's hear it!

Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas 10?

If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the international lines except Russia fly American planes?

Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles.

You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon—not once but several times—and safely home again.

You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them—unless they are breaking Canadian laws—are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the N.Y. Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5,000 times when Americans raced to the aid of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble?

I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present woes.

I hope Canada is not one of these.

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