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BLANCHARD OKAYS KOREAN BONUS

At the mid-December meeting of the Post an affirmative vote was taken on a motion to petition Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and the New York State Legislature to take steps which would enable the issuance of a State bonus for Korean War veterans.

The approval action was taken after Albany County Legion Korean Bonus Chairman Steve Maney explained the Legion's position on the bonus and the action required by Legion members and proponents of the bonus. A petition was circulated among those attending the meeting and their signatures will be forwarded to the County Legion which is gathering all the signatures for presentation to the Governor and the Legislative leaders.

For those not present at the meeting who wish to express their sentiments in favor of a Korean War bonus, your Post Korean Bonus Chairman, Ken Lenseth, suggests that you use this copy of your 1040 TIMES by signing your name to it, and mailing it to Kenny at the Post. Your sentiments will be forwarded along with the signed petition. Also, for your convenience on the Post bulletin board there is a copy of the petition which you and anyone who is for the bonus, may sign.

The petition, recommended by the County Legion and the Department, received an amendment at the recommendation of Wayne Davis who urged bonus consideration be given the dependents of GIs who gave their lives in the Korean military action.

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Old Timers Nite

At the mid-January meeting, Comdr. Woehrle will hand over the gavel to the Post's third Commander, Ralph S. Butler. It was nearly three decades ago that Ralph held this office so it is appropriate that he again should reign over "Old Timers Night". As always Ralph can be counted on to have a good program to present and this announcement serves to call out all of the Old Timers who can do so to attend this meeting. The Young Timers should show up, also, to get some pointers from our esteemed predecessors and make the evening a special happy occasion.

BLANCHARD TO HAVE ORATORICAL ENTRANT

When the 1962 American Legion Oratorical Contests begin this month, Blanchard Post will have as its entrant, George W. Cole, 17, one of Bethlehem Central High's outstanding juniors.

This will be the first time in many years that Blanchard has been represented in this important Legion activity.

Our entrant is president of the Debate Club in his school; assistant editor of the STAR; and on the advertising staff of ORIOLE, the school's yearbook. Recently he was selected a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program. He and his parents reside at 49 Euclid Ave., Elsmere. His father, George W. Cole, is associated with the Al Kellert Advertising Agency.

For the Oratorical Program, Comdr. Woehrle has named a committee headed by Mark Scurrah, with Ken Jopp, Tom Noonan and Bud Mosmen. The committee will work in a liaison capacity between our contestant, the BCHS faculty members who have interested themselves in our program and the Legion's County Oratorical Committee. Comdr. Woehrle gives credit for having a Blanchard speaker on the County's program this year to Christos Socarides who recently joined BCHS as head of the English Department. Mr. Socarides has had extensive experience in the Legion's Oratorical Program, having served as judge of the contests in Long Island.

The County Oratorical Contest takes place on Sunday, January 14 at 2 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Auditorium on New Scotland Ave., Albany. We look to being successful at the "kick-off" contest after which will come the District and then the Zone contests in March. Harold Barkhuff, chairman of the Legion's Zone Contests expects to have arrangements completed to bring that event to Delmar in the BCHS auditorium.

All Blanchard members who can do so are urged to attend the January 14th program to give our young man the moral support he deserves.

Sick Call

Reported ill at Veterans Hospital last month was Al Brown. During his rounds of the hospital patients, Harold Barkhuff visited with Al whom he reports is on the mend and was expected to soon leave for home.

COMING EVENTS

TUES., JAN. 2—Regular Post meeting; general business session at 8:30 p.m.; refreshments to follow.

MON., JAN. 8—Post Affairs meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MON., JAN. 15—Regular mid-monthly meeting yields to Old Timers night; Ralph Butler, Chairman; 8:30 p.m.

THURS., JAN. 25—County Legion will meet at Legnard Curtin Post, Green Island.

MON., JAN. 29—Board of Directors to meet at 8:00 p.m.

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CHANGE IN PLANS

The fund-raising program announced last month has been altered in favor of a color TV set or a \$500 cash presentation. The time element was the main reason for making the change in the means for the program.

The purpose of the fund-raising project remains the same. To set up a reserve for a building fund which may be required for an expansion of the Post's functions and activities.

Vice Comdr. Charles Wiley suggested the change and he is to continue in his assignment as Chairman for the fund-raising program.

Once again every member in the Post will be given a personal opportunity to participate in this program. In a few weeks each one of you will be receiving a letter from Charley. The letter will carry an appeal to support this program by offering your own donations or securing donations in exchange for \$1.00 tickets which are to be distributed to every member.

The selection of the fortunate donor to be presented with the color TV or cash if that is the selected donor's wish, will take place at a Post dance on May 5th.

Thanks from Harold

To all members of the Post, Harold Barkhuff expresses his sincerest thanks for the honor which was bestowed upon him recently with the presentation of a Life Membership in the American Legion.

Get Installed

New members of the Post are urged by Membership Chairman-Vice Comdr. Rodger Fryer to attend the mid-February Post meeting so that they can be formally accepted into the Post with appropriate ceremonies.

HAVE YOU RECRUITED ANY NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR POST?

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CHRIS' CORNER

Happy New Year — and many more. Our first meeting of 1962 will be at 8 p.m., Tuesday, January 16. It would be nice to see old friends and new.

Now that the mistletoe and plum pudding season is over, it's back to work!

January is legislation month, and our chairman, Ann deHeus has invited Steve Maney, representing the County Legion, to explain briefly the program of legislation being presented for the Korean War veterans.

Norrine Cooke and Fran Hynds are planning a Pan American flavor for the social hour following the meeting. Ole.

Albany County will pay honor to Mrs. Michael Boland, Department President, at a cocktail party and dinner at Jack's Restaurant on Thursday, January 18th. Sirloin of beef is on the menu at \$4.50. Make your reservations with your President by phoning HE 9-1135.

Congratulations to Lee Hurley and her committee for a delightful evening of good food, entertainment and gifts from Santa.

Grace Von Ronne says thanks to all members for bringing those pretty and tasty hors d'oeuvres to the Egg Nog Party.

DON'T REST HERE

By mid-December, Vice Comdr.-Membership Chairman Rodger Fryer reported the need to secure 113 more paid-up members to secure our quota of 669. With only about 17% of our membership campaign to be completed, Rodger has earned himself an impressive record for the work he and his loyal helpmate, Marilyn, have accomplished. Now that the bulk of the work is through, let's all help Rodger reach our membership goal. As Legionnaires we owe it to the American Legion, to our Post and to ourselves to re-sign previous members who have let their dues lapse; to encourage reluctant members of last year to pay up their dues; and to secure new members.

Chairman Fryer reports that the Department Legion has authorized special citations for anyone who signs up ten memberships by next June. Let's see how many Blanchard members can earn these citations. Two of us, Rodger says, are within sight of a citation.

'Twas A GRAND PARTY

The Post's Egg-Nog Party last month was the best social event of the season and perhaps of several seasons at Blanchard Post. "Its success is due principally to Joe and Grace Von Ronne", say Post Comdr. Woehrle and Activities Chairman and Vice Comdr. George Feiden. Joe and Grace, however, wants the glory to be shared with the seventy or so contributors of hors d'oeuvres and other goodies for the occasion—and of course to the approximately 300 who attended the affair and helped to make it such a joyous one.

And on that same happy day, the afternoon's Christmas Party was equally successful with nearly 150 children in attendance. For arranging that delightful program, applause goes to Kenny Lenseth, who had assists from Given and Fran Hynds, Jimmie Williams and his music, the Tebbutts who sponsored the movie program and Mike Norton with Santa Claus. The Christmas tree which graced the Post's meeting room came through the courtesy of Bill McKeough.

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Scholarship Program

The American Legion maintains a tremendous program of educational and youth activities which are evident in every state in our nation.

To bring this program closer to home, Comdr. Woehrle has appointed Roger Reynolds, chairman of a committee to coordinate with the Bethlehem Central School District for the distribution of a pamphlet on scholarships which the American Legion National Headquarters has compiled.

These pamphlets are available for anyone interested in this subject and Chairman Reynolds will gladly discuss this program with all concerned.

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Unseasonal Doings

The baseball team was honored by the Post at a Sports Night on December 28. Arrangements for the program were made by Baseball Committee Chairman Dick Dalton who reviewed the team's successful (even with second place) record this past year and the hopeful plans for success in 1962.

Sick Call

Art Mabeus won a two-weeks bout with lobar pneumonia at St. Peter's Hospital. He's resting at home now, at 15 Van Schoick Avenue, Albany.

Also on the sick list recently was Father Peter Bondi.

Taps

The mid-December meeting was adjourned with a moment of silent reverence in respectful memory of Robert Benedict.

Get Capped

If you didn't get a Legion cap for a gift last month, use this item as a reminder to put your order in now for one. Just clip out this page which has your name on the reverse side, write in your head size and with \$3.50 send it into the Post so that you will have a Legion cap to wear in the Memorial Day Parade and at other Legion services.

WE'RE READ — FACE RED

The listing of members entitled to 20-25-30-35 and 40-year longevity American Legion membership cards last month in this space brought a crashing response.

Perhaps it wasn't fully explained that what Vice Comdr. Wiley had compiled, was a listing of those names, from current records, who were entitled to receive the card appropriate to the period. Several members who already have these cards let us know (in no uncertain terms) that their names belonged in the listing. This is contrary to the thinking of the committee doing this work. It is trying to get the names of persons who do not have the cards so that they can be presented to them in the near future.

Because of the complexity in getting the records accurate, it has been decided to forego the listing this month of those members who are entitled to the 5-10-15 year cards. The work of preparing this list, so that it will be more accurate, will continue. It is the desire of Comdr. Woehrl, with the help of Vice Comdr. Wiley and all others working on this project, to have it completed by mid-April.

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