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IT IS NOW NEW POST TIME — — FINANCIAL DRIVE

The Time is NOW!

The financial drive is now formed and ready to start its drive to raise \$40,000 necessary to allow your committee to borrow the needed money to build your new American Legion home.

Two drives will get underway early in October. A membership door-to-door drive of all members of the Post will be put on. Please welcome your fellow Legionnaire who calls on you — every little helps! You can make a one-year pledge payable every three months-ask your solicitor about it. This phase of the fund drive is in charge of George Butman, Alvin Greenwood, Ralph Butler and Fayette Walworth.

A local business drive will be started at the same time. This committee consists of the following members: Robert Edwards, Roland Kernahan, William Campbell and Jack Chetney. All local business people will be contacted to seek their aid in our anticipated desire for a new Legion home—a project we hope to have our community take pride in, and be a part of.

Public Invited To Film 'Anarchy, U.S. A."

A revealing look behind the "spontaneous" demonstrations, burnings, looting, murders and the general lawlessness that plagues our nation.

It reveals the role of the Communist Party in these "spontaneous" actions and shows how the Communists used these techniques in taking over Algeria, China, Cuba and now the United States.

The film is about one hour in length and it will be followed by a question and answer period. Gary Howden, Management Engineer of the General Electric Company in Schenectady will be on hand to answer questions. Peter Fish, Chief of Police of the Town of Bethlehem, has also accepted the invitation to attend. The film will be shown the night of October 21 at 8 p.m. at the Post. There will be no admission charge.

At the present time your building fund has approximately \$3,000. This was voluntarily donated by members of the finance committee and Post members and friends - indicating how wholeheartedly they are behind our dream of a new Legion home. Please be as enthusiastic as your finance committee!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Merwin Atwood, Harold Barkhuff, Ralph Butler, George Butman, William Campbell, Jack Chetney, Robert Edwards, Alvin Greenwood, Richard Haverly, Sidney Kaplan, Roland Kernahan, Bertram Kohinke, Charles Redmond, Fayette Walworth, George Wenger, Augustine Williams, Alexander Woehrle.

After your committee received a vote of 96 for and 2 against at a Post meeting last fall, endless time has been involved in setting up drawings, meetings of committees and the one thousand and one things that such an undertaking entails. I would at this time like to thank each and every one involved in our goal

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Can You Miss The Man Who Doesn't Know?

In the Spotlight and daily papers recently the New York Telephone Company had an institutional ad. It was an eye-catcher. The headline posed the query, "Can you find the telephone man in this picture?" The picture showed a parade being reviewed in Little Falls, N. Y. by the city officials. As the American Flag passes the reviewers, the unidentifiable telephone man, who is also the city mayor, Ted Wind, it is being correctly recognized by the mayor and five other men in the photograph.

In the same photo it is easy to find the several persons who either don't know or are just plain careless in their manners when the Flag is paraded before them.

The point here is be alert when you are in the vicinity of the Flag when it is being paraded. You never know when it might be you who is being photographed in an unpatriotic posture.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Oct. 5 — SPORTS DAY. Come all!

MONDAY, Oct. 7 - Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Oct. 15 - Blanchard Post Auxiliary meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Oct. 21 - Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m. Film, Anarchy, U.S.A. to be shown. Open to the public, and be sure you bring your wife.

SATURDAY, Oct. 26 — Harvest Home

MONDAY, Oct. 28 - Board of Directors meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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The cost: \$3.50 per male. (No women permitted or welcome).

Sports Day Chairman Lee advises that suitable, and costly, door prizes will be awarded during the festivities.

If the World Series are stymied because of travel problems, and the Sports Day participants can't enjoy a game, special arrangements have been made to have a football game, a Hay Eaters Race or some other suitable affair pictured on the Post television set.

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It Is Now New Post Time — — Financial Drive

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for their time, the faithful attendance at meetings, etc. The amount of work and devotion given by these members could never be repayed. If I have overlooked anyone, sincerely, it was unintentional. I hope all our membership responds as wonderfully as these members have and will continue to do. Thanks to everyone we feel will help as we go along with your project.

The committee will keep membership abreast of progress being made through the Ten Forty Times and at Post meetings. Please attend a few meetings and become part of your project. Call any of the men named—they will be happy to answer any questions you may have and also accept your donation or pledge.

Joe Von Ronne Finance Chairman

WHAT IS NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD POST?

Post #1040, American Legion, is a Bethlehem Community Post. It is made up of nearly 800 men who have served their country in the cause of freedom. Its Ladies Auxiliary serves-side-by-side with them in carrying out worthwhile community projects.

The Post has outgrown its present building and plans new headquarters which not only will be a credit to the Town of Bethlehem, but to the neighborhood in which it is to be located.

The Building Fund Goal is \$40,000 toward a \$120,000 total building cost. The support of the community and its residents toward attaining that goal is sought—just as community support is given by all the Town's Legionnaires to our community. (All contributions are tax deductible for state and federal purposes. Checks should be made payable to "Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post Building Fund.")

... AND WHAT DOES IT DO FOR THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM?

Among many things, it sponsors by itself, or gives financial and manpower aid to many community projects. The enlarged and improved facilities now planned will enable the Post to expand many of the activities, such as:

Bethlehem Committee that Cares: Viet Nam; Boys' State and Girls' State Programs; Americanism Project; "Indoor Sports" Entertainment and Party for the Physically Handicapped; Memorial Day Parade and Services; "Go To Church" Breakfasts; American Flag Donation Program; Annual Decoration of Graves; Community Ice-Skating Party; Boy and Girl Scout Projects; Veterans' Hospital Programs; the Community Children's Christmas Party; Bethlehem Lions Club (including support of Eye Bank and Sight-Saving Projects); Red Cross Blood Bank; National Oratorical Contest (won this year by an Albany County youth); Sports Activities — American Legion Ball, Little League, Pop Warner League.

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Getting Acquainted Dance

With vacations over and people getting back to their fall and winter schedule, everyone was ready for the first dance of the season "The Getting Acquainted Dance". Jerry Romano was there with Francis Murphy's band with music and song that sounded just great to everyone's ear. The dance floor was just right for dancing and with that music everyone was in a dancing mood. The committee had name-tags for everybody and it worked out very well. Midnight brought a delicious buffet with roast beef, turkey, salads, etc. put on by Anna Mae White. Chairmen for the dance were Ollie and Barbara Palmer, and Gwen and Fred Grasser. Anyone who stayed home from this dance sure missed a real good time.

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Guest Speaker

Mrs. Geraldine Klett, Empire Girls State Chairman, announces that Miss Rebecca Hauser will be guest speaker at the October meeting. Miss Hauser was the Unit's selected Girl Stater who attended the Empire Girls State Week held at the University of the State of New York at New Paltz, June 21 through 29. It would be refreshing for all members to forget the hippies and the yippies for an evening and concentrate on the thinking of this lovely Bethlehem Central coed who used her time advantageously to participate in the functions of government in democracy rather than sit in idleness in the park on the pretence of involvement.

Forget-Me-Not -

have been the words of Zen Campbell for the past several years and she still shouts the phrase loud and clear this October. Of course we won't forget, Zen. We might have been preoccupied in September unpacking from vacation, getting the children ready for school, etc. But now that home and school are settled we will take a minute to write our membership check for \$3.50, payable to Blanchard Auxiliary 1040 and mail it to her at 264 Kenwood Avenue (zip code 12054). Wouldn't it be terrific if Zen could shout in November, "Membership quota accomplished."

Wanted

What do you do with an old sheet after Halloween is over? Give it to Norrine Cooke, Cancer Control Chairman. Norrine will also accept pillow cases, shirts, in fact, anything white which can be sanitized and used as cancer dressings. In the past year 15 pounds of material was donated to the American Cancer Society. Norrine is starting to weigh her bundles towards this year's total. Contributions can be brought to the monthly meetings or if the package is too heavy, phone Norrine (439-3057), and she will arrange to collect the much needed material.

A. L. A. Past

Historian Irene VanWormer calls our attention to the cover page of the Spot-Light issue of September 12. The photo

in the lower right corner shows the Blanchard Post Building as it looked when built in 1911 and used as the Elsmere Elementary School. This is a significant part of our past. Irene would like to include this and any other prominent events into our history books. If you have any pictures or mementos which are important to the history of the Auxiliary please bring them to the next meeting (Oct. 15) or phone Irene at 439-2526. She will be pleased to receive anything you send.

Auxiliary Calendar

TUESDAY, Oct. 15 — Monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Speaker: Miss Jane Hauser. FRIDAY, Oct. 18 — County meeting at 8 p.m. Place to be announced.

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50th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On November 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. all are invited to a 50th wedding anniversary party in honor of Ralph S. and Winifred R. Butler, to be held at the Post Rooms of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, American Legion, Elsmere, N. Y. Their actual anniversary doesn't come until February 22, 1969, but they will be in Florida along with most of their friends, so we're celebrating in advance. We hope everyone will send a card to them in February at Route A-2, Box 71, Rainbow Lakes Estates, Dunnellon, Fla. 32630. We also hope there will be a big turnout of all their friends for the Open House on November 3. No gifts, please.

Ralph S. Butler has long been active in the American Legion affairs, first in his home state of Connecticut and then here in Delmar since they moved here in 1929. The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elsmere was organized in 1930 and soon recognized Ralph's capabilities and elected him as their com-mander for the 1932-1933 year, which made him their third commander. These were the year's of the great depression and had it not been for Ralph, the newly organized Post would have lost its quarters. A tremendous contribution which he made during his administration was to establish an annual carnival, held on the Post Grounds. This venture became so successful that it was continued for sometime thereafter, and became the main source of revenue for the Post during those trying years. This year Ralph becomes one of the diminishing members of the American Legion who have for 50 years advanced its program of service to community, state and nation.

Winifred R. Butler was the first president of the Auxiliary — formed soon after the Legion. She has been very active over the years in many capacities.

Ralph has served the Town of Bethlehem in many capacities also. First as Justice of the Peace from 1941 to 1951. Chairman of the Zoning Board in 1939, which was later changed to the Planning Board. He served on this until 1945. He was on the Delmar Sewer Commission from 1955 to 1964 and served as its chairman from 1960 to 1964.

He started his own insurance business in his home at 252 Delaware Avenue not too long after coming to Delmar. Later

Unusual New Member

Recently Leo O'Brien devoted his column in the TIMES-UNION to one Sergeant Frank Murphy who was back in Albany for a visit. Murph has fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam, volunteering for his 11-month stint in Viet Nam with less than 18 months to go for his 20-year retirement.

Sergeant Murphy, who once attended the LaSalle School in Albany, enlisted when he was 18 and fought through the Italian campaign in World War II. He "retired" for five years, but went back to make it a career. He fought in some of the biggest battles in Korea, from which he went to Viet Nam by choice.

Throughout his column, Mr. O'Brien had many nice things to say about the soon to be retired Sergeant Murphy. We won't embarrass Murph by quoting the column but will just say that we are fortunate that he is a long-time friend of Gus Williams and is joining Blanchard Post. We will look forward to having him with us when he retires in March.

Many Thanks

Many, many thanks to all these fine members, Dick Dalton, George Butman, Charles O'Hara, Commander Bill Campbell, ex-Commander Sid Kaplan, George Reeber, Charlie Wiley, Al Woehrle, Bill McGoey — Auxiliary President, Maud Hafley, and Marcia Rosenfield.

Without these members it would have been a very difficult time getting the first edition of the Ten Forty Times out — keep it up. Again, thanks.

Also—a reminder—send all information to me, Mike Mele, 498 Delaware Avenue, Albany, N. Y. 12209, by the 15th of the month if possible.

he incorporated it as Ralph S. Butler & Sons, Inc. When his son-in-law, Carlton A. Brown and daughter Dorothy Brown came into the business in 1954, it was decided to change the name to Butler & Brown, Inc., which is still carried on today at their new location, 230 Delaware Avenue, outgrowing their original office.

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So...circle the date on your calendar, ladies and take dad's suit to the cleaners. Then be first in line for tickets from our favorite bartender—Artie. See you on the 26th!

Membership

1969 dues are due! Vice Commander Hugh Stowers will be mailing statements this month to all members. Your cooperation in paying your dues promptly will make the job of attaining our quota an easy one.

News Briefs

Understand George and Clare Reeber took a motor trip to Nova Scotia; drove to Bar Harbor, Maine; then took the ship Blue Nose to Yarmouth. After touring the Maritime they crossed into New Brunswick, Canada, and on to the little village of Riley Brook, where George shot a bull moose when a youngster of 12 years while on a hunting trip with his Dad. (Let's see—that was 59 years ago; wonder if the village was still there.) They then continued on to the old homestead in Lake Placid. By that time the bankroll was depleted and they headed home to Delmar.

BOWLING NOTE

With two new team captains and only a couple of changes in the line-up, the eight-team league of bowlers began their season last month at Sporthaven.

The new captains are Walt "Cookie" Van Wormer and Dr. Stan Klett (DDS). The new names in the league are Guy Switzer and Ken Burns.

Balanced to get a team average of 780 or its proximity here is the roster of teams by names with the captain and four other bowlers for each team:

Marines — Ken Stinson, Captain; Al Woehrle, Bill Mitchell, Dick Lenseth and lack McConkey.

Jack McConkey.

Engineers — Walter Van Wormer,
Captain; Larry Monette, George Feiden,
James Cleary and Gifford Lantz.

Injantry — Ed Loftus, Captain; Ed Costigan, Walter Bowry, Ed Hanrahan and Guy Switzer.

Army — Milt Andre, Captain; John Haker, Charles Wiley, Andy Rooney and Vaughn Williams.

Navy — Angelo Tangora, Captain; Ken Burns, Dick Cole, Bill Flint and Al Pugliese.

Tanks — Bill Johnston, Captain; Don Smith, Fred Stahlhut, Al Beckmann and George Heilmann.

Shuffle Board

The Shuffle Board League shoves off Thursday, October 10 at 8:30 sharp. The list is on the bulletin board—please sign up as soon as possible. The same two teams will be battling it out to see which is the "greatest".

The league should be more competitive this year, because so many of the players have made a vast improvement in their playing. We welcome an audience—so come on over, and cheer for your favorite team or player.

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COMMITTEE THAT CARES ENTERING FOURTH YEAR

The Committee That Cares in the Town of Bethlehem enters its fourth year of operations with a list of 35 men from the community serving with the Armed Forces in the Viet Nam war zone. The Committee is pledged to direct its efforts in a morale-building cause for these men. If not the first, it was among the very beginning of such groups in the Nation which recognized the need to initiate a home-front relationship with the men who were sent to the Viet Nam area.

Composed of representatives from the various groups of veterans, women, church, service and civic organizations, the Committee meets monthly from September through June to formulate ideas and plans to carry out its purpose. The meetings usually occur on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of The American Legion in Elsmere where the Committee originated.

Its main function is to maintain a roster of the Armed Forces personnel from the community who are sent to Viet Nam. As the roster is revised it is posted on the bulletin board of the Delmar Post Office and copies of it are distributed through the various churches in the town, the organizations that make up the Committee and to the public. In this manner individuals and groups augment the work of the Committee which each month arranges for the mailing of a package to those on the roster. In addition the Committee in the past has sponsored gatherings for the parents and relatives of the men on the list and participated in other programs such as Operation Good Will which is conducted by Dave Marks at Fort Orange Radio Distributors.

Last year the list reached a high of 54. Battle and non-battle casualties as well as transfers out of the Viet Nam war zone have reduced the list to its current number.

The September meeting of the Committee began with a prayer for peace and the safe return of our men. The invocation was made by Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere who is the liaison between the Committee and the clergy in the Town.

The maintenance of the roster is under the direction of Laurence R. Moses of the New York Telephone Company. William J. O'Neil, representing the Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, is chairman of the budget unit for the Committee. Mrs. Patricia Baldwin is Committee Treasurer.

"To read the letters coming from the men to whom this Committee directs its efforts is truly heart-warming," says Committee That Cares Chairman Alexander J. Woehrle. On the Committee he represents The American Legion and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. He says "Such phrases as 'it's good to know the folks back home care', 'you make us realize we are here for a just cause' and others like these have a reassuring tone which stirs us to continue our Committee work for our men in Viet Nam."

When the Committee met to formulate its current schedule, of the 15 men and women present nearly half of them were those faithfully attended the meetings since the Committee was formed.

The Committee has been financed by contributions from the organizations which sponsor the Committee and from occasional private contributions. It has been operating on a basis of \$5.00 per man per mailing. Available funds are expected to cover mailings for the next three months.

"We have been proceeding on a month-to-month schedule with the continuing wish that the purpose of our Committee will quickly cease," says Budget Chairman O'Neil who adds "Until we have definite word that the need for our activity has ended we must endeavor to raise sufficient money to pay for the costs of purchases, packaging and the postage."

Others attending the September meeting were:

Mrs. Norrine Cooke, Ladies Auxiliary, Delmar Fire Dept.; Mrs. Elizabeth Costigan, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post Auxiliary, The American Legion; Mrs. Frances E. Green, Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; John P. Leyden, Bethlehem Memorial Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mrs. Bernice Osterhout, Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Lodge of Elks; Mrs. Helen Schiller, member-at-large; Mrs. Peggy Seymour, member-at-large who's husband has recently been assigned to Viet Nam; Mrs. Marion Sommer, Bethlehem Business and Professional Women's Association; Mrs. Lillian Weiler, Ladies Auxiliary, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 2 and Glenmont Homemakers; Mrs. Barbara Whitney, Ladies Auxiliary, Elsmere Fire Co. The Bethlehem Kiwanis, Bethlehem Lions, Bethlehem Rotary and Bethlehem Progress Club are also participating organizations in the Committee.

Here is the list of the names and addresses of the men now in Viet Nam to which the Committee That Cares directs its attention:

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