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NEW COMMANDER



John V. Ennis, our new Commander, was formally installed at the regular monthly meeting by Past Commander Hugh Stowers. John entered the Military Service in 1942 and has an enviable record, having served with the Sixth Army Signal Corps for 30 months overseas, Pacific side, and having received the Bronze Star, the Philippine Liberation Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Medal. John is employed by the New York Telephone Company where he is Motor Vehicle Supervisor. He resides with his charming wife Dorothy and their three children.

His duties are now twofold, for not only is he now our Commander but he also is supervising the "20 Week Club" and has done a terrific job with it, so we should all be proud of the Post Affairs Committee for electing a real active Legioner to fill this post. We wish him a very successful term and ask that we all give him all the assistance he needs for the good of the Post.

MIKE SERVED WELL

Mike Mele has resigned as your editor and regrets that he was unable to continue as he is pressed for time right now and as you all know, he certainly was making a thorough job of keeping the news coming. The Post will surely want to publicly thank him for the fine work he has done and its appreciation for the long hours he has spent in getting your 1040 Times together month

after month. As your new editor, I find I will have a tough path to follow and will appreciate all the cooperation I can get from the committee chairmen in getting the news to me timely so that we can let you all keep up with the fast moving events at our Post. From this side of the desk, I hope I have many friends who will toss in a helping hand.

Bill Alwell

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Oct. 5 — Regular monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Oct. 10 — Sports Day

TUESDAY, Oct. 13 — Auxiliary Card Party

SATURDAY, Oct. 17 — 20 Week Club Dinner and Dance

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

SATURDAY, Oct. 24 — Italian Night

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ITALIAN NIGHT at Blanchard Post

Gus Williams will again be chairman of this "always successful night" on Saturday, October 24.

The menu this year will start with a red Italian wine "out of the keg," served with appetizing antipasto, followed by baked lasagna, sausage and meat balls, salad, fruit, nuts, and coffee with hot Italian bread and cookies.

Tickets will be limited. We will not oversell our banquet hall. *Dinner-Dance* tickets will be RED colored and priced at \$4.00 per person and will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. *Dinner* tickets only will be GREEN colored and will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and they must vacate the hall by 7:30 p.m. The price of dinner only will be \$3.00 per person.

The committee, made up of amateur entertainers, promise a full night of laughs, the highlight of the evening being an Italian finger game between the kitchen help and the dining room help. Music will be by Jerry Romano and Chef Ambrose will again handle the kitchen.

Thank you, and we'll see you on the 24th of October.

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Help Wanted!

Co-chairmen Sid Kaplan and Maury Maskin have announced that they would welcome volunteer workers for the Jewish Night fete to be held November 14. Please contact one of them in the near future and see if you can help out.

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★ AUXILIARY NEWS

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STATE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

July 17-20 at Buffalo, N. Y.

Marcia reports the following: No one can go to an American Legion Auxiliary Convention without feeling a sense of pride in all its accomplishments. In three days, the activities of a year are summarized. Outstanding they are. You sit up a little straighter in your chair because you know you've helped. During the past year you have participated and you know each gesture of a volunteer adds to the greatness of the total organization.

Thursday, July 16, the Department Colors were advanced by the American Legion Auxiliary Color Guard of Ontario County. The Color Guard displayed exact precision. The opening ceremonies concluded and the business of the convention proceeded. Committee awards were on the agenda for this morning's session. Some of the outstanding awards were:

Americanism—Mr. Mahoney who originated the antenna program displaying the American Flag, received a plaque. His program was so overwhelmingly endorsed that he is many orders behind. Mrs. Priore of Cleveland Hill Elementary School and eight members of her third grade class recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Priore received an Americanism citation because it was through her direction that her class organized the April 29 nationwide Pledge Day.

Child Welfare—2,000 retarded persons were sponsored for a two week vacation at Camp Seneca. Many had never had the excitement of being outside in a planned program. It was also the first time for many to be in a swimming pool. President Ann Robinson was presented a drawing of the planned recreation building to be built at Camp Catskill, Liberty, N. Y. \$14,000 was realized for the Department President's Project.

Poppies—Mrs. Frances Turner, Poppy Chairman, presented a check to Mr. William Feist, superintendent of the American Legion Mountain Camp to be used as needed in the men's

infirmary. The money was derived from the Auxiliary's coupon and poppy funds. The contribution was 15,000.

Cancer Control—Over \$5,000 was collected by all units.

Empire Girls State—Miss Nancy Maess, the Governor of Girls State, received a standing ovation after her speech. She was chosen from among 314 girls attending the 29th Annual Session at SUNY this past summer.

Membership—Mrs. Herman Harrington reported we reached 99.3% of our membership goal. The American Legion was 550 over goal. This was the highest ever.

After committee reports the nomination of Department officers for the 1970-71 year took place. Also the nomination of six delegates and six alternates to the 1970 National Convention. Mrs. Herbert Hafley, from our Unit, was elected as alternate.

A Memorial Service prepared and conducted by the Department Chaplain, Mrs. William Montague, concluded the meeting. Those from Albany County left with a damp handkerchief clamped in their hands as they heard prayers and remembrances for Mrs. Florence Holmes, charter member, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, past president, Mrs. Mary Greenwood and Mrs. Dorothy Long.

The same afternoon a district caucus was called to order. Awards were given to county chairmen to pass on to the individual units. Resolutions were read and discussed. Our district placed third in the state in membership. Mary Dempsey was elected Third District Chairman. We congratulated her and insured her of our support.

The golden ballroom of the Hotel Statler Hilton was the setting for the State Dinner. This was a chance for the Auxiliary members to meet the distinguished guests and other delegates from outside their own district, and to renew acquaintances. The highlight of the evening was the Children's Community Choir of Niagara Frontier under the direction of Mrs. Wendell Squires.

Friday, July 17 at 8:30 a.m., the Legion Oratorical Contest winner was introduced. He was Anthony Herrling. He too, received a standing ovation.

Mrs. George W. Gibbs, National Vice President of the Eastern Division of the American Legion Auxiliary, the guest speaker, stressed the continual need for pride in our Auxiliary and need for growth in membership. "Tell the community we put 10 million dollars in child welfare and 17,000 volunteer hours in rehabilitation. This is our pride. These are our reasons for wanting, and needing a growth in membership."

The gift to the Legion Department Commander from the Auxiliary was \$5,000, for use in their Rehabilitation Program.

The Past President's Parley aided 253 servicewomen who were hospitalized. They also established a \$1,000 nurses scholarship, \$500 for a period of two years.

The final reading of the Credentials established 947 delegates. The final reading of the Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments followed. Discussion and voting took place.

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Officers for the coming year were elected and the meeting adjourned.

On Saturday, July 18, the installation of the officers was a beautiful, impressive ceremony. Beautiful in color, all on the platform wore white dresses accented by yellow flowers. Impressive because our newly elected Department President spoke with enthusiasm and a firm belief in our ideals. Mrs. Herbert Hafley aided the installing officers and placed the color ribbons of their office around the shoulders of the newly elected.

After congratulating Department President Mrs. Herman Harrington, I think every delegate felt assured of another successful year.

Maud Hafley attended the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, this Aug. 28 - Sept. 3. She reports that our small contribution to the Foreign Relations Project—*Nicaragua*—over \$35,000 was raised and 29 schools have been completed with enough to build 55 more.

Many of you know Mrs. William R. Peabody (Thelma) from Interlaken, N. Y. She was elected National Eastern Division Vice President.

Blanchard Auxiliary will continue as in years past to sponsor Cub Pack 258. The cubmasters are Lawrence McCarthur, Frank Mann, Robert Horn, Tom Luckenbach, Frank Shipp, Bertold Weinberg, John Kaczynski, Clifford Marks, Edward Conway, Roger Creighton, Fred Howell, Bertie Reed, Irwin Dander, John Sigler, Edith Reed, Nancy Willison, Ann Cronin, Janet Clark, Sally Downes, Hedi Moore, Marijo Fasulo, Barbara Wagar, Elizabeth Thompson, Irma Weinberg.

Some of the members are children of Legionnaires. They are: Mark Brady, Paul Brady, John Ehrenberg and Robert Getner. Other members are Carlos Anzola, Cary Barton, Anthos Bousvaros, Stephen Bud, Thomas Clark, Edward Conway, Andrew Creighton, Michael Cronin, Edward and Stephen Downes, James Drumm, Victor Cippresy, James Denault, Patrick Fasulo, Jon Gray, Scott Brisedine, Douglas Corath, Robert Dinnel, John Dorsey, David DeGrush, John Fleming, John Gary, William Hannaway, Peter Hay, Christopher Heaphey, Michael Heicklen, Todd Horn, William Howard, David and James Howell, Richard Hulme, Jeffrey and Stephen Ira, Edward and John Kaczynski, Andrew Kramer, Robert Lemieux, Thomas Luckenbach, Richard Mann, Matthew Burkhard, James Marks, David Milowe, Mark Mitchell, Ansel Morrell, Jeffrey Morris, Mike Neff, Mark Netter, Charles Nevers, David Overbeck, Pat Petterson, Michael Reed, Mark Dander, Donald Shaw, Ed Shipp, Ted Siggins, Russell Sigley, Mark Sillitto, Peter Steltmann, Mark Sullivan, John Thompson, David Wagar, Daniel Weinberg, Guye Willison, Doug Zautner and Stephen Zoota.

Don't forget "Dialing-for-Dollars" on Channel 10—Wednesday, October 7 to publicize the card party. Call chairman Eleanor Blendell, at 439-3445, if you would like to go. Meet at the Post at
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8:00 a.m. for transportation.

Come and have an enjoyable evening of cards and a fashion show Tuesday, October 13 at 8 p.m. at the Post. Fashions will be by Dorothy Lynn and coordinator Mary Kaplan. Tickets are the compliments of John's Normanside and Southgate Beauty Salons and chairman is Janet Setzer. Other committee members are table prizes, Maud Hafley; door prizes, Della Brady; tables, Joan Stowers, Ann Carroll and Barbara Palmer; refreshments, Ruth Burns, Lenore Smith and Joan Stowers; hostesses, Chris Barkhuff and Marcia Turner; decorations, Verstandigs; and publicity, May Smith.

Lee Hurley has been added to the list of County Delegates. New Auxiliary member Marie Burns has volunteered to be in charge of music. Let's have a song or two at the coming meetings and other affairs. Another committee titled Leadership has been formed at the Department, district, county and unit levels. Helen Reynolds will chair the committee for our unit. There will be more details after the fall conference in October.

Membership Eligibility—Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members of the American Legion, and to the mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following periods: Apr. 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918; Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945; June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953; and the present Viet Nam Conflict. All dates inclusive, or who, being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either of said world wars or hostilities and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible to membership in the American Legion.

Applications for new membership can be obtained from either Barbara Palmer or Marcia Rosenfield.

Membership Chairman Barbara Palmer has formed a membership committee. It's just too much for one girl to graciously remind all our members that

it's dues time again. The first meeting was held September 10. At that time the girls divided the membership list and formed a membership calling committee. Those on the committee are: Chris Barkhuff, Ann deHeus, Maud Hafley, Lee Hurley, Mabel McCredie, Marcia Rosenfield, Lenore Smith, Joan Stowers and Fran Tyman. Our dues entitle us to membership for a year. However, the year runs from October to October, so now it's time to renew. Regardless of who contacts you, checks can be made payable to Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Auxiliary in the amount of \$3.50.

Empire State News—It is again time to renew subscriptions to the Empire State News. This is a very worthwhile magazine for all committee chairmen. The price is \$1.00 per year. Let us have many new subscriptions and make it a banner year. Call Mabel McCredie at 439-1149 for further information.

Chaplain's Corner—If anyone has information regarding new babies, illness, bereavement or death of members of the Auxiliary, kindly call Ruth Burns, our Chaplain. This is our only method of obtaining this information.

Noreen Giacone became the proud mother of a 7 lb. 6 oz. boy, Nicholas Anthony (Tony) . . . Maud Hafley has a new great grandson, 6 lb. Russell Sampson III in Syracuse . . . Margaret McGuirk and Mary Deitz have been on the sick list . . . We offer our sincere sympathy to Ann Carroll on the death of her father.

At the business meeting October 20, Girls State Chairman, Gerry Klett will introduce the guest speaker Miss Janet Primomo, our delegate to Girls State, held at SUNY. At the 29th Annual Session, 314 girls attended and Janet was elected Lieut. Governor. Let us all come and hear her interesting experiences.

Plan an evening of volunteer work at the VA Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6:45 sharp. Help the vets play bingo and serve donuts and coffee.

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AUXILIARY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7—Dialing-for-\$\$\$

TUESDAY, Oct. 13—Card Party and Fashion Show

TUESDAY, Oct. 20—Business Meeting and Guest Speaker

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4—Bingo at the Veterans Administration Hospital

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Hilary Pole went home yesterday after 10 years in a Birmingham (London, England) hospital, so completely paralyzed that she cannot speak and can move only the toes of her left foot.

Her condition, caused by a rare muscular disease, is incurable but Hilary, 31, has not allowed it to conquer her.

Using her toes, the former teacher has learned to communicate with her family and doctors by tapping the keyboard of a special electric typewriter, rattling along at 60 letters a minute.

With a portable ventilator rigged up by medical technicians to help her breathe, Hilary has been able to leave the hospital for the first time since 1960.

Her bed was loaded aboard an ambulance for the 10-mile, police-escorted drive back to the family home where Hilary's parents were waiting for a tearful reunion.

Hilary and her doctors together scored a special kind of victory over the illness which left her completely incapacitated 15 months after she qualified as a gymnastics instructor.

Stoically, the girl the hospital staff called their "bravest patient" learned to live with the condition and to master mechanical aids.

Lying in bed, pecking with her toes at her typewriter, she wrote poems and articles for newspapers. Also within the reach of her foot were switches for a radio, tape recorder and an alarm bell.

A doctor who watched her struggle against illness said: "You cannot meet Hilary without being impressed by her tremendous courage.

"She might not be able to move but she has tremendous personality and her handicap doesn't prevent her imposing her will."

At home her parents had prepared a special room where nurses will check on her twice a day. She also will be attended round the clock by a team of 20 volunteer helpers.

The portable ventilator which has liberated her from a hospital chamber may soon free her from her bedroom, allowing trips into the garden and beyond.

GET ACQUAINTED NIGHT

Saturday, September 19, started the new season at the Post off with a bang when the "get acquainted" party was held and it was reported that an enjoyable time was had by all. Chairman Al Hofaker was most fortunate in having Ruth and Hank Voorhees as our co-chairmen. Their cooking still is the talk of the Post—in fact at the mid-monthly meeting there was a motion made that Ruth be made "official bean baker" and Hank "permanent chef." We understand that Ruth is thinking this over and know that her cooperative spirit will lead her to the correct decision.

There were more than 100 members and guests present who were enthusiastic in their praise of the dinner and dance.

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SPORTS DAY

Coming up the 10th of October is our annual Saturday "Sports Day" for the World Series. This party gets better as the years go by, and this year will be no exception. Al Vanderwood is the chairman. He will appreciate plenty of help to get things rolling. Let him know you are interested and do plan to join the crowd.

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★ I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade — proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart...remember?

★ And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Do you remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart. Remember?

★ What happened? I'm still the same old Flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

★ But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting . . . they don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anyone else with theirs off so he quickly put his on.

★ Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? . . . Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and now Viet Nam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime of those who never came back to keep this nation free, one nation under God—when you salute me, you are actually saluting them!

★ Well, it won't be long before I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart . . . and I'll salute you, by waving back . . . and I will know that — YOU REMEMBER !

OVERHEARD AT THE FOUNTAIN...

Everyone has been under the impression that Maury Moskin was "Big Bill" Davidson's pupil on the trap shooting range — so how come Phil Lee and Maury both won turkeys at the last match and "Big Bill" got 0-0-0 eggs, that is! Oh well, maybe one of the winners will invite Bill and the Mrs. for Thanksgiving dinner. I'd hate to think of Bill getting stuck with an omelet.

The only time we have seen "Tip" Nelson have trouble getting to the point is when he uses the portable sharpener for pencils at the fountain.

Poor Fred Grasser, after all these years a member of the Elsmere Volunteer Fire Company, still can't hold on to the nozzle. Maybe Olie Palmer should show him how it is done so that he won't be limping around with another sore toe. Our deepest sympathy Fred.

If you ever want the real sports low-down, just give a listen to Art and Freddie. One of them is a walking encyclopedia of sports but you will have to decide from the conversation which one.

Poor Ralph! What with checking on the strike over in Rensselaer, he has crossed the river so many times they are now calling him "Skipper."

Taking a note from the Auxiliary news — guess Phil Giacone deserves to take a bow on that new son, too! Congratulations.

Hope we can get that new clock soon for there is a certain gentleman who finishes his soda at the sound of the six o'clock fire siren. Often wondered what would happen if the siren were late?

One of the fun things to do is watch little Jack Brady and big Bill Mitchell bawl against each other. Reminds me of the old comedy team of Laurel and Hardy — Art Quinn remembers those pictures for you young ones who don't recognize the names.

Is Hank Voorhees trying to put Frangella out of the mushroom business? I understand that Hank is known at the fountain as the "mushroom king."

After burying the Old Post Building last Saturday morning, Gus Williams was going around the building counting heads to see if there was anyone who had fallen asleep out there Friday night. It could have happened after some of those Friday night affairs, you know. Is anyone missing?

Twenty Week Club

October 17 is set down for the current "Twenty Week Club" dinner and dance. This time we will have Francis Murphy and his orchestra while Jerry Romano will be at the familiar mike. Don't miss this event if you are anticipating increasing your wealth. This is the night we give it all away. It is always a night of good fun even if you don't come up the "big winner" since you can't lose by being there for the dinner and dancing. See you all then!

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