



Ten Forty Times

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EIGHTEENTH YEAR

OCTOBER 1973

CHARLES O'HARA DOES IT AGAIN



The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, American Legion, once again welcomes in the school year by distributing free book covers to students. Charles O'Hara, a past commander, initiated this program ten years ago and has been chairman of this project since that time. Mr. O'Hara, on the left, and Merwyn Atwood, Commander, are shown presenting a book cover to Kathleen Mooney and John O'Hara, who are ninth grade students at the Bethlehem Central High School.

MERWYN ATWOOD

Born May 5, 19--. An Albanian from Stanwix Street, went to School 18; is a graduate of Albany Business College. He entered U.S. Army in 1943; took basic in Alabama; spent time in Africa and Italy; discharged in 1945. Worked for Niagara Mohawk—insurance adjusting field, is presently in Bethlehem Sewer District as executive secretary. Merwyn has been a 1040 member for 20 years and has served as Adjutant and a 2-year-term as Vice Commander.

Mr. and Mrs. (Eleanor) Atwood live at 409 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. They have two children: Mrs. Russell W. Scofield Jr. (Barbara Jean) and Russell. Merwyn has been active with the Boy Scouts and was an original officer of the committee for Troop 260, sponsored by the Delmar Reformed Church of which

he is an active member. He is a member of the Masters Lodge No. 5, F.&A.M. (Ed. Note: Merwyn is one heck of a nice guy, so let's give him a helping hand in his term as commander.)

Shame On Us

What a shame! The American Legion Post 1040 had to cancel its dinner dance scheduled for Sept. 15. Want to know why? Well, we'll tell you. The Post could not get members interested enough to buy or sell tickets for the affair. Shame on us all. Out of a membership of over 800 we could not muster up 100 couples. All of us should remember that WE are the Legion, WE are the Post, WE should support Post activities. Let's get with it in the future.

Ed. Staff

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 1 — Regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- 13 — Sports Day
- 15 — Regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- 20 — Italian Night Dinner Dance
- 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.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

- Oct. 13 Sports Day
- Oct. 20 Italian Night Dinner Dance
- Nov. 3 20 Week Dinner Dance
- Nov. 17 International Night Din/Dan
- Dec. 8 Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- Dec. 16 Egg Nog Party
- Dec. 22 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party
- Jan. 19 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 24 Installation of Officers
- May 27 Memorial Day Parade

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John Vogel hit the lucky \$ pot, 50/50 on August 31. You can't say John isn't getting a return on his money.

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Reminder—DUES ARE DUE! They are still only \$3.50 and Marcia Turner is waiting to issue your new membership card. Let's make Blanchard Unit an outstanding unit this year so we will have 100 percent membership paid before the end of December.

Thursday, Oct. 25 is the date for the retirement dinner for past County Chairman, Helen Reynolds, to be held at our Post. Barbara Palmer is chairman and assisted by co-chairman Winifred DeMizio, a past County chairman. The din-

ner will be put on by the ladies of Kaa Rheu Vahn Caldron. Let us have a good turnout from our Unit to honor Helen, who is one of our own members.

Barbara Whitney says many thanks to her committee, their husbands and all others who helped to make our first Harvest Hoe Down a success. Without the aid of each and everyone and all in attendance, this evening would not have been possible.

Marion Niver was hospitalized in September with a broken hip and is now recuperating. Also in the hospital last month was Esther Cooke, who is now home and feeling much better.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Agnes Day.

Dates to Remember

November 20..... Regular Meeting
 December 18..... Christmas Party

Greatly Appreciated

Dear Mister Brady:

In behalf of the Scouts and Scout Leaders of Troop 159, Delmar, may I take this opportunity to thank you for donating to our troop an American Flag.

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For the next few nights the regulars had to take their nourishment at a temporary bar upstairs. Three cheers for the minutemen and women who were in the bucket brigade on that wet night. Someone told us Bill Campbell was seen going down for the third time when Ray Callagan happened to float by and made a heroic rescue. To all who helped... a nice job.

P.S. Thanks to the Elsmere Fire Dept. for the use of the men and equipment when we needed it.

Show Your True Colors

Oct. 8—Columbus Day. Fly your Flag.
 Oct. 12—Used to be Columbus Day
 Oct. 22—Veterans Day. Fly your Flag.
 Oct. 23—United States Day. Fly the Flag
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 Oct. 31—Halloween. Be kind to kids nite

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Mr. Clean

Would you believe the Post is getting a bit dusty? Well, most of us said "so what!" But not Mr. John Ennis. He was concerned, so he put together a party and they had their first outing on the 8th of September. On this day John's Merry Men went upstairs and cleaned all the chairs. This is only a starter says John. Much more work is required to make the Post spic and span. Next time you see John, don't buy him a beer, but pat him on the back, say thanks and volunteer your services as one of John's Merry Men.

Atta boy, John.

The following are the Merry Men who attended John's party: Hank Voorhees, Hugh Stowers, George Butman, Merwyn Atwood, Ollie Palmer, Ed Korp, John Vogel and Bill Blanchard.

Albany County Meeting

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THE EXTRA FRAME

Good to see our buddy Fred BUKER back in action. Welcome home, Fred! ... Sorry Walt BERRY had to drop out because of his work schedule. Come back next year, Walt. ... 'n how come Bill MITCHELL isn't on the Sea-Bees? Then they could call the team "The Officers Club"! ... Haven't seen our pals Gaye and Bud RUKWID for quite a spell ... and Father-of-the-Bride Joe MARINO had another wedding in the family (with all his money it's no problem) ... 'n do you think Yank YORDY will ever make the big time? ... Mgr. Bill CAMPBELL had such success with his Geritol Vets vs. Upstarts Vets softball game that he's gonna have to make it an annual affair. I bet that if Barb SELIG had played the G-Vs woulda won! ... Good to see Doris and Joe ROEHR and all the other great Friday night dancers out for the autumn season ... and where was that rascal Hank RISTAU on the first night? ... and our deepest sympathy to our buddy Guy SWITZER on the loss of his father. ... 'n Helen HAKER, please speak to hubby John about picking on the Duster. (He accused me of being such a loyal state worker that I wear N.Y.S. colors while bowling.) ... and I haven't seen Lois and Larry MONETTE or Marcia TURNER in the super market lately! How come. I wonder? ... Ed STARK-WEATHER is a busy lad at the Post with his 20 Week Club activities (keep him moving, Pat!) ... and speaking of

Pats, where d'ya suppose our Irish lad Pat IGOE has been of late? ... and if they had a contest for the busiest and best natured gal, I'd pick Della BRADY ... and didn't Milt ANDRE get the '73-'74 kegling season off to a flying start with everything lined up in apple pie order. ... Hey, hey! Joe CUMMINGS, you did it! No rain on Post Golf Day! Hey, CALLAGAN MAN! ... Good to see those two big guys who bowl on the upstairs circuit back in action—who else but Jerry DECKER and Don MOORE. ... and Peg and Ed KORP had a great time at Mountain Camp. How about the rest of you mountaineers? ... 'n you all gotta admit I ain't picked on Barb and John HORNBERGER, any of the BLANCHARDS (including Ruth Blanchard DALTON), Ron & Warren MOESSNER in either Sept. or Oct. but my little pointed head is thinking of something—just give me time! ... and Bud MOSMEN, Ray BENDER, Jules AUPPERLE were bowling on opening night as if they had been practicing all summer. Same said for Gary ROACH and Bill JOHNSTON. ... and did you ever notice that the people who start off their day with the thought, "How can I help somebody today" and not with a "What's in it for me" outlook are the happiest people around! ... Let's all turn out to parade on Veterans Day. ... Have to ask Bob ROSENFELD how the hamburger biz is coming along. ... and my buddy, ye Ed, Fightin' Frank FUTIA says he'll use

his influence to try 'n get me a choice seat if that show comes back to Colonie Theater next summer. ... 'n I'll close with that happy thought, remember to give us a look in the turkey month.

The Gutter Duster

Hamburgers

Back by popular demand, you will be able to buy hamburgers cooked to order on Friday nights. This popular program will last only as long as it is supported. It takes volunteer "chefs" (hamburger helpers) to support, cook and serve this food. Let's get behind this program and make this activity a success. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board in the Post Lounge. Please sign up for one or more dates. If you require more information, contact Bob Rosenfield or Art Quinn.

Pro Football

We have 40 tickets for the New England Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins game on October 28. This will be a men's only bus. Tickets are \$20.00 which covers game, bus and beer. Bus leaves Post at 8 a.m. The first 40 paid will go. See Bill Campbell.

B.C.

The 50/50 winner for Sept. 14 was Mr. Russell Herrick from Bonita, Fla. Mr. Herrick was a guest of Mr. John Hornberger. How is that for northern hospitality?

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George "Beetle" Laird with long hair, sneakers and suspenders dropped in for a visit from Florida. He sure was early for the Mardi Gras. Barney and Rita Green also dropped in for a short visit from down Cental Valley way. ♦ Joe Cummings celebrated 5-3 day at Saratoga with good results. ♦ Blanchards (Bill, Jim, Lil and Rosemary) gave Montreal a blast. They had no trouble getting seats right behind home plate for the Expo's game. ♦ Mother Nature sure dampened our premises but thanks to many helping hands and quick work, damages were kept to a minimum—three bare-footed gals, Irene White, Jane Alwell and Carol Benton pitched in too, or should I say dove in. ♦ Welcome aboard to Harold Meyer, our new custodian. Many thanks to our retired custodian, Angelo Aleteri, who did a fine job for us. ♦ Esther Cooke is ailing at Albany Med, but is coming along fine. ♦ Sports Day on Oct. 13 is the date for the men's annual gathering. Come early for the goodies: clams, dogs, burgers, beer, sweet and hot sausage, corn on the cob, etc. ♦ A big Hawaiian Luau is coming up in November. Don't miss this big one. ♦ 40 guys will be going over to Foxboro, Mass. on Oct. 28 to see the Dolphins and Patriots play. Many requests for this bus warrants you getting your tickets earlier next year. ♦ Bill Campbell took Bill Alwell three straight games on opening night at bowling. ♦ Phil Lee, Bob Edwards, Ken Havill and their families took a last fling at camping the weekend of Sept. 7 and weathered the weather well. ♦ The Over 40 Baseball team we fielded vs. the DL Movers had ball rumors say we had a deft left handed shortstop and in the late innings a daft first baseman. ♦ 8 men, women and kids took in our two bus trip to see Army play Tennessee on Sept. 22, and to say we had a great day tells it all. ♦ Happy to report Sept. 7 our lounge was bulging at the seams with so many of our missing summer faces—it's nice to have everyone back. ♦ Also started our fall schedule of having sandwiches on Friday nights. Mr. and Mrs. M. Atwood

did the cooking of hamburgers for the first night of the season. They did such a good job that they sold out by 11:30. Slim Bill Mitchell gave a hand waiting on tables. ♦ A group of volunteers on Sept. 8 cleaned all the chairs and tables upstairs. Thanks to all who helped. ♦ For the protection of your belongings, the cloakroom will be watched from 8 till 11:45 p.m. ♦ Frank Futia says a bigga Italian Night coming up on the 20th of October. Gettun early, they go fast. ♦ Augustino took one more look at the ponies at Great Barrington and now says bring on the snow so they can hit the trails with that new machine of his son Bruce. ♦ From reports coming in most of our anglers had the best year in a long time. ♦ For all you hockey fans, almost double coverage this year the TV mag tells us. ♦ Had quite an entourage of Blanchardites at Legion camp over Labor Day weekend. A few who enjoyed the facilities were the Geo. Butmans, Von Ronnes, Bukers, Korps, Johnstons and the Greenwoods. A tough one to beat at \$14 a day with meals. Remember this for next year. ♦ Marg and Joe Kiskis filled three creels up Maine and the Andy Makowskis's can attest for this from their broiler. ♦ The tomato king Bill Campbell grew them big and beautiful this year. ♦ 20 Week Club dinner coming up Nov. 3. Be sure to get your tickets early at the bar. Members can pick up new books at the same time. ♦ Golf Day was a great success from some of the stories our wiretapper tells us. ♦ Wrap-up time from the catbird seat. Remember to be a good member—support *your* Post. See ya...

Just Following Instructions

The Washington Biological Survey used to band wild birds to study their migratory habits and the metal band read "Wash. Biol. Surv." One angry citizen named Jack Brady had an unfortunate experience and wrote: "Gentlemen, I shot one of your crows and followed instructions. I washed it, I bioled it, and I surved it. It was awful."

For a change we had a different winner for the 20 Week Club on Sept. 14. Charlie O'Hara was the smiling recipient. Hey, what happened John?

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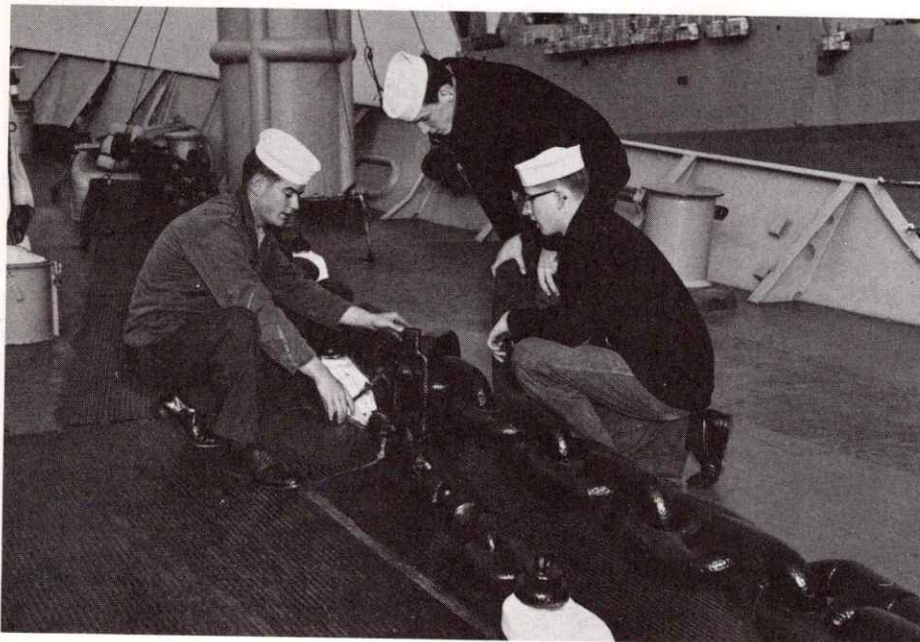
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Lt. Comdr. De Salvo, Lt. Everhardt and a contingent of U.S. Naval Sea Cadets will give a talk and slide show immediately following the regular Post meeting on October 15. The special program will start at 8:30. Interested parents and sons are invited to attend.

Lt. Comdr. De Salvo stated "Cadet Membership" is voluntary. It does not obligate the young man, in any manner, to serve in the armed forces. The main objective is to teach young men good citizenship, a knowledge of sea lore and give them a sense of responsibility and direction.

Lt. Everhardt, a retired state trooper and presently the sergeant-at-arms in our State Senate said, "I think working with these boys is about the finest thing anyone can do. Both the Navy and the Navy League try to provide the Cadets with an educational base and practical training as broad as possible so as to develop the whole man training concept.

Lt. J. C. Rapp, Sea Cadet Officer, instructor, is responsible for the Albany-Delmar area, stated, "except for minor administration fees borne by the cadets themselves, the cost is defrayed by the Navy League." The division schedules

three weekend visits each year for all cadets to various Naval activities and/or ships. Applications for enrollment in the Albany Division will be received any Thursday night between 7:30 and 9:30 at the Naval Reserve Training Center, 780 Washington Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

Naval Sea Cadet Jim Erlichman (SA), age 16, of Slingerlands said "This July I spent two weeks taking abbreviated Navy basic training at the U.S. Naval Air Station at Willow Grove, Pa. We had regular U.S. Marine DIs, took helicopter trips, had survival training—both sea and land, firearms instruction, and the use at the station range as well as seamanship instruction."

"Last February I attended a three-day course at the U.S. Naval fire fighting and water damage control school near Philadelphia. We learned how to attack and corner a fire within a building and staged fires on grounded aircraft. We also tried to save the USS Buttercup under simulated attack—but I can tell you about that on October 15."

John Vogel grabbed the 20 Week Club money on the drawing of September 7. Hey John, is this on the level?

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER 4, 1973

• Regular meeting of the Post was opened by Cmdr. Atwood; 32 present.

• Cmdr. Atwood informed membership on the change of Finance Officer from Howard Gmelch to Frank Zini, Jr.

• Hugh Stowers gave a report on sick call. He said that during the summer cards were sent to: Fred Vogel, James Fanning, Tom Hasselbarth, King Rabineau, Jack Chetney, Doug Moore and George Spawn. Hugh also wished that the meeting be closed in memory of Randall Vaughn and Donald Kerr (deceased).

• Ollie Palmer gave a report on New Orleans's Night.

• Bill Campbell gave a report on the football bus trip.

• George Butman reported on Board of Directors meeting in which lights for the back of the building were discussed. Also discussed was the cleaning up of the building. A clean-up day was set for Saturday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m.

• George Butman reported that the damaged eagle in Town Park will soon be repaired.

• Cmdr. Atwood expressed his thanks to members who worked on clean-up of the water which came in the building due to storm which hit Delmar area.

• Frank Zini, Jr. gave a brief report on some changes at the V.A. Hospital.

• Comdr. Atwood reported that the Board of Directors asked to have the serving of hamburgers and etc. resumed on Friday nights. Cmdr. Atwood appointed Bob Rosenfield as chairman.

• Bob Edwards made motion to send letter of thanks to Elsmere Fire Co. for assistance given to the Post in cleaning up of water which came in the Post.

• Ed Korp gave brief talk on Legion Camp and expressed concern that members of the Legion are not taking advantage of it.

• Sid Kaplan introduced new member Harvey Hasen, who just transferred to Blanchard Post.

• Comdr. Atwood closed meeting in memory of Randall Vaughn and Donald Kerr and all other departed comrades.

Submitted respectfully,
John A. Vogel, Adjutant

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