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VETERANS DAY

The sound of taps at Blanchard Post at eleven o'clock on the morning of Saturday, November 11, will stir in the minds of those World War I vets present for the occasion memories of a half century ago. It was fifty years ago events were occurring which brought about the first Armistice Day the following year.

Today, as in recent years, the day is recognized as Veterans Day. Whatever the name the intent is the same. It sets aside a period, if only a day, to make America alert to the time and effort we expended in the Armed Forces for our Country, its people and the cause of freedom.

Joint Session

Arrangements for the program have been made by Blanchard Post's first Commander, Winthrop Robinson. Because of a recent hospital confinement

for an operation, Win will not be able to attend the function. His stand-in for presiding at the affair will be Past Commander Ralph Butler.

Joining with the World War I veterans group in this special event will be the Last Man's Club, all World War I vets, of Blanchard Post of which Norman Bender is president.

About seventy-five are expected to attend the special meeting and the luncheon which follows.

At 10:55 a.m. there will be an assembly call. Five minutes later the historical moment of the 1918 Armistice will be signaled by the sounding of taps by a future prospective member for the armed forces, Bruce Alexander.

A sudden change of spirit in the program follows when Gene Ketchum at the

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ONE-THIRD THERE

With a quota of 761 Membership Chairman, Vice Commander Bill Campbell reports 261 paid-up members for the up-coming year. Of these nearly 5% are new members in our Post.

The next dues notice is scheduled to go out this month. Bill is aiming for the other two-thirds of our Post quota to be in by New Year's Day. To do so would be a great honor for the Post and our Membership Chairman would indeed become a man of distinction. It's a good aim and everyone should get behind Bill to meet this goal.

In securing new members, points out Bill, it is important to personally see the discharge paper of the prospect and make certain that the eligibility date is correct and the type of discharge merits membership in the American Legion.

Membership Meter

Help Us grow
761 Quota
Your Help
will bring
this up from
261 presently

Off-Year Election

The world has its eyes on America every day. On Tuesday, November 7, our Country will especially be the center of attraction. That's our Election Day. To many the positions for which the candidates will be vying may be considered of little consequence. To you, and to all Americans, these offices really are of significant magnitude. For it is all those small offices which make up this great, free government of ours. And the issues on which your decision is to be made is of equally great importance. For it is the result of your vote which will determine the guide lines of your existence and that of the generations which follow us.

On election day do two things: Fly your American Flag and go to the polls and cast your ballot for the candidates of your choice and support the position to which you are inclined on the issues presented to you.

Taps

The passing of the late Past National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling will be marked by a High Requiem Mass at St. Thomas Church in Delmar on Saturday, December 30. As an expression of sympathy from Blanchard Post, a Mass Card has been sent to Mrs. Scheiberling who resides in Albany.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Nov. 4 — Italian Night Dinner and Dance at the Post.

MONDAY, Nov. 6 — The Post Affairs Committee meets, 7:30 p.m.
Regular Post Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Nov. 7—Election Day (Cast your ballot for the candidate of your choice and your decision on the issues) (*Fly the Flag*).

SATURDAY, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day (*Fly the Flag*).

TUESDAY, Nov. 14 — Blanchard Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Nov. 20—Mid-monthly Post Meeting; Boys State Representative Tim Gray reports, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Day (*Fly the Flag*).

MONDAY, Nov. 27—Board of Directors meet, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Nov. 30—County Legion meets at Blanchard Post, 8:30 p.m.

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WHEN IN ROME

This year's Italian Night at Blanchard Post will be Saturday, November 4. Since it was inaugurated several years ago the Italian Spaghetti Dinner part of the program has been highly successful. So much so that a limit has to be set on how many tickets can be sold for the number of dinners served. The committee advises they can't serve one dinner twice. It's been so good that those who come wish they could consume more. There's chianti wine for a starter and then antipasto and then the big heaping pile of spaghetti with meatballs and sausages and a delicious salad topped off with fruit and nuts and an Italian pastry. All this for \$2.75 per person.

After the dinner which is served from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a dance with music by Tommy Ippolito until the usual closing hour.

Come along and have a good time, says Chairman Gus Williams.

And if you're wondering why Italian Night comes on this date — so what, it's only a calendar date!

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Auxiliary President's Corner

Congratulations! Blanchard Auxiliary received two high honors at the 47th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention. The first is a trophy designating that the Auxiliary reached its membership quota for 1967. We applaud the efforts of last year's Membership Chairman, Helen Reynolds. The second honor was in appreciation of our contribution to the Ida N. Ashby Memorial Infirmary at the American Legion Mountain Camp, a charitable institution which we are proud to endorse.

The days of November and early December are probably the busiest times at the Veterans' Hospital in anticipation and preparation for the Christmas Holiday. On November 27 and 28 members of the Auxiliary will go through the wards writing addresses on parcel post labels and tags. Then on December 4 the men will choose, from the Gift Shop, the presents to be sent to their families. Last year 2,000 yule packages were sent by the veterans at a postage cost of \$500.42.

Maud Hafley is an outstanding volunteer at the Veterans' Hospital. She's a leader and an organizer but she needs so many helping hands. Won't you be a volunteer for at least one of these activities or days? Meet Maud on the third floor of the hospital at 9:30 a.m. the last Monday and Tuesday of November (with pen). On the December date go directly to the auditorium which will be transformed into Santa's Gift Shop at 9:00 a.m. Christmas can be a less lonely time for a disabled veteran — only if YOU care. It's ironic how many of these men may have spent a Christmas in a trench, behind a machine gun, or on patrol, for us. They cared. Now it's our turn.

Members of the Legion, the Auxiliary and their friends are cordially invited to attend an Open House at the Hospital on December 3. Between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. the public may browse through the Gift Shop. It's a unique place to visit when you recall that all exchanges, from the selection of presents, the wrapping, to postage, are made

with a handshake and a warm, "Thank you". Not a penny is spent by our ex-servicemen.

We were glad to meet these new members at last month's meeting and heartily welcome them into our organization:

Mrs. Raymond A. LaMoy (Shirley)
 Mrs. Hugh W. Stowers (Joan)
 Mrs. Walter Van Wormer (Irene)

December 19 — November 21: circle both dates on your calendar. The first is the date of our Christmas dinner party. More details about this affair will be given on the latter date (the next regular meeting night) — at 8:00 p.m.

Marcia Rosenfield

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Our Flag and Our Boy Scouts

When you go past our Post and see Old Glory hoisted on the flag-pole give a thank you for Blanchard Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop 58 and its Alligator Patrol.

The seven young lads who have volunteered for this duty are Patrol Leader Dave Brossman, Assistant Leader Chris Clark, and Scouts Peter Hall, Robert Simon, Dave Wall, Jack Flynn and Robert Randles. For performing this service these Scouts earn credit toward their Citizenship merit badge.

"This is a commendable accomplishment", stated Commander Sid Kaplan in announcing the project. "and I want to thank Adjutant Merwyn Atwood and our Troop Leader for their effort in working out this arrangement. I consider it a high point in my administration as your Post Commander."

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Friday and Saturday

Hal Geurtze's soft background organ music may now be heard at the Post Lounge on Saturday as well as Friday nights. Popular demand has brought the Activities Committee to engage Hal for the weekends. Choose your favorite way to relax — dance, sing or just lean back and listen. They are all in style at the Post.

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

BORN OF WAR BUT COMMITTED TO PEACE THE AMERICAN LEGION for the third time in its history is marshalling its resources to serve America's fighting men. As the tempo of war in Vietnam increases, so also has The American Legion stepped up its myriad of activities keyed to supporting the fighting man and serving the returning veteran.

The American commitment to preserve the national independence of South Vietnam began some 10 years ago with a handful of military advisors. Today, it has grown into what has been described as the third biggest war in United States history. Already more men have worn the Nations uniform during the Vietnam period than in all of World War I.

In recognition of the fact that war, although undeclared, did exist the 1966 National Convention of The American Legion took the steps to make the veterans of the Vietnam period eligible for membership. Since then, thousands of the new generation of war veterans have become members of The American Legion. Many thousands more are expected to join our ranks during the coming months. At its October 2 regular meeting Blanchard Post graphically illustrated this by having in its installation ceremony Sergeant-at-Arms Kenneth Simpson aid in the induction of John Mullins. Both members are Vietnam veterans.

As we think of increase in membership, in logical sequence we must consider expansion of our Posts facilities in order to handle this new generation of veterans. It is the considered opinion of many of our members that our quarters have been too small for some time. Anyone attending one of our monthly social affairs or at a special meeting such as was addressed last month by Marine Major Andrew Andersen could easily be convinced of this.

With these facts in mind the Board of Directors under the chairmanship of Harold Barkhuff has appointed Gus Williams to form a committee to study the very serious question of enlargement of our Post Quarters. The responsibility and the amount of work that this committee must face is considerable, its importance is unquestioned. Our best wishes for a successful conclusion to this committee's difficult task.

COMMUNITY BLOOD PROGRAM

In order to clear up the unanswered questions concerning Blanchard Posts Blood Bank, Carl H. Braley, the Administrative Director of the Blood Program was our guest speaker at the October 2 meeting. Among other things he told us that Albany Area Chapter of the American National Red Cross has assumed full responsibility for the Blood Program and is now scheduling visits of the Bloodmobile throughout the Northeastern New York Red Cross region.

The Bloodmobile will be coming to the Town of Bethlehem during the month of November. It will be at the Glenmont Community Church on November 2 from one to seven p.m.; and Delmar First Methodist Church on November 13 same hours. Our members are needed for volunteer blood donors. Those eligible include adults from 18 through 59 years of age. Those qualified to be blood donors are urged to volunteer.

The Blanchard Posts Blood Bank will, of course be no more, since blood is no longer credited to the Post for the use of its members. The reason for this is apparent as there is now no charge for blood. There is only a \$9.00 processing charge which will be absorbed by Blue Cross or any of the hospitalization insurance policies.

Therefore, since there is no charge for blood it is now a community duty for the people of the community to donate this precious commodity. Our Town Supervisor, Bertram E. Kohinke, has proclaimed the month of November as "Town of Bethlehem Blood Program Month". In keeping with this proclamation the American Red Cross looks for our cooperation. Remember . . . donors benefit by knowing their own and their families blood needs will be met and by deriving satisfaction through giving of themselves to help others.

Sid Kaplan
Post Commander

HEARD 'ROUND TOWN

The elderly gentleman was bragging to his doctor: "I never drink, smoke, go to the movies, stay out late, or go out with women. And tomorrow I celebrate my 80th birthday!"

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The Aztecs of Mexico were the first to domesticate this bird, and when the Spaniards came to the Americas in the sixteenth century, they introduced the turkey to Europeans, who found him a welcome addition to their list of domestic fowl. By crossing the wild turkey with ancient domesticated breed, we get the enormous birds found in our markets at holiday time, some of them weighing 25 pounds.

The term *turkey* has ingratiated itself picturesquely into our common American speech in various ways, the most interesting of which is the expression *talking turkey*. The expression is usually used in the sense of "to get down to business", while *talking cold turkey* signifies a willingness to face the unpleasant aspects of a subject. Following is the anecdote which one legend tells us is said to have given rise to the expression *talking turkey*:

An early settler and an Indian were hunting and afterwards, when they came to divide the spoils, the settler said:

"You take the buzzard and I will take the turkey . . ." or "I will take the turkey and you take the buzzard".

The Indian replied: "Not once did you *talk turkey* to me!"

If You Weren't There You Missed It

For the seventy-five who attended on October 7 it was a great day to relax with the gang at the Post, see the 1967 televised World Series, gobble up the clams, hot dogs and sausages and slosh down the beer, soft drinks and highballs.

The success of the party is due to the chairmanship of Hank Voorhees whose past work on this annual event is well known.

The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of Right just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

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President Perry Smith may be getting closer than ever to a long-standing issue among the bowlers. It's the matter of shirts. For years they've been talking about it. This year a poll was taken and 50% have given their names and sizes for the shirts. Next come the payment notices and then the supplier, when assured of payment, will deliver the goods.

There's still some reluctance against the shirts because after they've been received and issued there'll be no more issue. How about that!

Here's the League standings in mid-October:

TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Navy	17	12	6	.667
Artillery	14	10	8	.556
Coast Guard	13	10	8	.556
Marines	12	9	9	.500
Tanks	12	9	9	.500
Army	10½	8½	9½	.474
Infantry	9	7	11	.389
Engineers	8½	6½	11½	.389

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

	Pinnage	Games	Avg.
1. Van Wormer, W.	2785	15	185
2. Stinson, K.	2195	12	183
3. Loftus, E.	3233	18	179
4. Andre, M.	3231	18	179
5. Tangora, A.	3186	18	177
6. Lenseh, R.	2641	15	176
7. Klett, S.	2555	15	170
8. Larkin, S.	3006	18	167
9. Cleary, J.	2012	12	167
10. Smith, R.	2970	18	165
11. Voelmle, O.	2928	18	162
12. Lantze, G.	2426	15	161
13. Geurtze, G.	2421	15	161
14. Beckmann, A.	1934	12	161
15. McCarthy, B.	1926	12	160
16. Rooney, A.	2870	18	159
17. Willsey, R.	2847	18	158
18. Johnston, W.	2355	15	157
19. Heilmann, G.	2816	18	156
20. Mitchell, W.	2342	15	156
21. Wickert, A.	1866	12	155
22. Williams, V.	2322	15	154
23. Flint, W.	2305	15	153
24. Williams, H.	1367	9	152
25. Stahlhut, F.	2276	15	151
26. Schmidt, L.	2223	15	148
27. Roach, R.	2221	15	148
28. Feiden, G.	1778	12	148
29. Costigan, E.	2657	18	147
30. Pugliese, A.	2218	15	147
31. Cole, R.	2203	15	147
32. McCabe, L.	2310	9	145
33. Smith, P.	2601	18	144
34. Haker, J.	2583	18	143
35. Mosmen, B.	2571	18	142
36. Monette, L.	2083	15	139
37. Wiley, C.	2495	18	138
38. Buker, F.	1663	12	138
39. Hanrahan, E.	2420	18	134
40. Woehrle, A.	2044	18	113

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is the coming in of love when everything else has gone. It is the soul's desperate struggle for fraternity against the solitariness and loneliness of cosmic vastness. It is a battle between a sword and a cross — one seeking to hurt, the other to heal. It is the determination to believe the best when the worst has been rumored. It is the golden tie that binds after circumstance, disaster, and death have wrenched all visible bonds. It is the deliberate ignoring of the fool and the radiant evoking of the saint in a human soul.

It is the hailing of success without envy that may come to one we love. It is forgiving a hurt without demanding an apology, and the keeping of affection in spite of misunderstanding. It is asking for a privilege to serve without counting cost of demanding a reward. It is closing the eyes to ugliness, the ears to discords, and opening the inner eye and ear of the heart, which understands rather than sees or hears. It is to ask, "What can I give?" rather than, "What shall I receive?"

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The New York Department of the American Legion has initiated a program which calls for co-operation with the Lions in their great humanitarian work in this field.

This dual function for our Commander makes it very practical for him and for the prestige of our Post and the good of the American Legion to become positively identified with this project.

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Reverse Side

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piano accompanies Keith Hubbard and Geof Maclay in leading a community song-fest of World War I era songs.

Guests

As in the previous years of the Last Man's Club annual meeting the Post Commander is invited to attend. This year Commander Sid Kaplan enjoys this distinctive honor. A World War II vet, Sid will give the old-timers a thumbnail sketch of the growth of Blanchard Post as second largest post in Albany County.

Guest speaker for the occasion is Lt. Col. Raymond F. Joyce, Public Information Officer of the New York Army National Guard.

Lunch will be prepared and served by Maud Hafley and a committee from Blanchard Auxiliary of which she is past president.

Following the luncheon the Last Man's Club will convene for its annual meeting and the ritual which is part of their session.

Anyone desiring further information about this Veterans Day program should contact Win Robinson at his home, 439-2722, and wish him a speedy and satisfactory recovery.

Other Blanchard Post members are encouraged to participate in this national holiday in two ways. First is to unfurl the American Flag from the first thing in the morning on November 11 until night arrives. The other is to join with the veterans organizations of Albany County and march in the Veterans Day Parade in the City of Albany.

The parade forms at South Lake and New Scotland Avenues after a brief Veterans Day ceremony at eleven a.m. It will go over Lake Avenue to Central and then east to the State Capitol where it disbands.

This year, more than ever, your presence in an event such as this is of grave importance. By being in the parade and adding to its breadth and length you are doing your part in showing your community and all those who pass through it that we are united in the intent of American principles for freedom of mankind. If you are disturbed by what you read in the press, hear on the radio, see on TV, about the protestors against American policy today let this Parade be part of your counter-measure to protest the protestors. You can only do so by being among the marchers.

Blanchard Legionnaires not in the vicinity of their Post should express their interest in America by making themselves part of whatever local observance is taking place in the community in which they are located that day.

Anyone in need of an American Flag should contact Flag Chairman George Reeber at his home, phone 439-5910.

TO REPORT

Blanchard Post Boys' State Delegate Timothy Gray will make his report to the Post at the mid-monthly meeting on November 20.

His written report which appeared in the October 6 issue of the BETHLEHEM STAR of Bethlehem Central Senior High School makes such delightful reading it is presented here for you.

To do honor to this alert young man and this fine American Legion project of such great import to the youth of today who are tomorrow's American leaders it is your duty, if you have free time to hear his personal report to you and your American Legion Post.

The American Legion Boys' State is set up as a workshop in democracy — a learning experience where boys from throughout the state and in similar programs throughout the nation learn the functions through direct participation. Some 1,000 boys from every part of the state attended the 1967 Boys' State of New York during the week of June 25—July 1, at State University, Morrisville.

Boys' State operates as a miniature republic, with each boy as an active citizen of the state. The government operates on three levels: the city, the county, and the state — each level having its own executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Elections are held in each of the thirty cities of the State to determine the members of the city government such as the mayor, the city councilmen, and the municipal judges. Once the city has been organized, elections are held in each of the ten counties determining the Board of Supervisors and the county judges. These governments are structured and run along the same lines as the local community, the exception being that the government is run by the boys themselves: passing laws, enforcing regulations, and prosecuting offenders in full jury trials. However, it was in the state governmental elections that Boys' State blossomed into a meaningful experience in real government. For there the political conventions were begun, complete with flag-waving and favorite sons, vote-swapping and political "deals" made under the table — all resulting in a slate of candidates and a political platform aimed at winning the state elections. Then followed the wild, scrambling campaigns: posters and fliers everywhere, soapbox speeches in mass rallies, radio broadcasts, and candidates' names spelled out on the face of a building in letters ten feet high. And finally, the election, the focal point of the preceding days of hysteria.

This is where Boys' State comes alive, in the mechanics of the operation, in the work, in the confusion, in the involvement, in the functioning as a whole — as a state. The lesson, quite vividly shown at Boys' State, is that any government, whether it be national, county, or city, is only what the citizens make it.

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