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TUESDAY, Nov. 11—Veterans' Day — Fly our American Flag.
MONDAY, Nov. 17—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, Nov. 18—American Legion Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary; covered dish supper for members and their husbands at 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY, Nov. 24—Board of Directors meets at 8:00 p.m.
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BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

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AUXILIARY NEWS

President Maud Hafley expresses her gratitude to all the committee chairmen and members who worked toward the success of the fall card party. Extra tables and chairs had to be set up for the unexpected attendance. We apologize to those we inconvenienced. Next year the New Post meeting rooms will accommodate a sell out.

Tag Days at the Veterans Hospital are November 24 and 25. Gift Shop Day is December 1. Please be a volunteer on all or any of these days. President Maud will meet you on the third floor at 9:30 in the morning to explain your duties.

5,000 or more gifts are needed for the Gift Shop for approximately 1,000 hospitalized veterans from both World Wars plus Korea and Vietnam. Members desiring to contribute gifts or monetary contributions, please bring them to the November meeting on the 18th. All donations must be at the hospital no later than Saturday, November 22nd. Please avoid gifts that are too fragile or too heavy (the postage is costly). Thanks!

Commander and Mrs. Stowers, Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and their families are cordially invited to view the Gift Shop display at an open house at the hospital between 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 30th.

President Maud Hafley and Civil Defense Chairman, Maurie Flanigan, attended the conference at Jamaica Inn. Maurie gave a report on the conference during the October meeting.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Mabel McCredie is taking subscription orders for the Empire State News. This informative newsletter is well worth its one dollar value. Please send your remittance to Mabel at 21 Salisbury Road, Elsmere.

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Joan Stowers is busy distributing raffle chances for the basket of cheer. Joan will distribute booklets at the next meeting or you can obtain them from Art at the bar or call Joan (439-3848). First prize is on display behind the bar. Look for the attractive poster created by John Brady.

The November meeting will honor a special occasion, the 50th Anniversary of The National American Legion Auxiliary. Auxiliary members and their husbands are invited to a covered dish supper at 7 p.m. on the 18th of November at the Post. The calling committee will phone for your reservation during the early part of November. Come and join the celebration.

Looking ahead—reserve December 16 as the date of the annual Christmas Dinner and exchange of gifts. The affair will be catered by the Auxiliary of Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto. This same group catered our delicious birthday dinner last February.

One sad note to add to this column: Janet Johnson was in a car accident on October 14 on her way to work. A speeding driver failed to stop at an intersection. Janet had multiple bruises, cuts and many stitches; also shock and discomfort of pain. She is now feeling fine and back as a very active member with us.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Al Greenwood, Joe Von Ronne, and George Butman, gave a report on the building fund. They also reminded the members that many pledges were made, but the money was a bit slow coming in. Also, what has been done on the building so far, not a loan was made, and we are saving a great deal on interest rates that would have to be paid if money was borrowed. That is why all those pledges are important, so please send them in as soon as possible.

Al Woehrle mentioned that Vietnam veterans are returning in the Delmar area, and that they should be contacted to become members. Ralph Butler, a 50 year Legion member and active member of Blanchard Post for years, will be moving to Florida, but informed us he will remain as a member. Good luck Ralph. The Post will miss your presence. Also, I'm sure all the members, new and old, cannot thank you enough for all the continuous and many years of working know-how and time you put into making the Post what it is today.

A motion was made and seconded that no group activities such as shuffleboard teams, etc., will be allowed during meeting nights. It seems that some Auxiliary wives with good intentions for the Post mind you, decided to form a shuffleboard team on Post meeting nights, which in turn would get the husbands to attend the Post meeting while they were playing shuffleboard and help swell up the membership attending the meeting. However even with good intentions in mind by the Auxiliary, it was also reminded that it was one night strictly for the Post members to relax, have bull sessions and play darts or shuffleboard and have full use of the bar and Post rooms after the meetings. By all means they did not intend to hurt anyone in the process. It is also realized that our Auxiliary gals are too important to our Post and are very valuable assets to upset them in any way. Amen!

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AUXILIARY NEWS

TUESDAY, Nov. 18—Auxiliary meeting; covered dish supper at 7 p.m. at the Post rooms.

MON. and TUES., Nov. 24-25 — Tag Days at VA Hospital at 9:30 a.m. on the third floor.

TUESDAY, Nov. 25—County meeting. Place to be announced.

SUNDAY, Nov. 30—Open House at VA Hospital, from 2 to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 1—Gift Shop at VA Hospital, 9:30 a.m. on third floor.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16—Christmas Dinner at the Post rooms.

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BOWLING NEWS

We hear that Bill Mitchell made the 8-10 split. (Wow, the impossible again). That's worth more than a patch! Also, Doc Klett made the 4-7-10 split. Our Post must have sharp bowlers coming up. Also, did you know that John Brady who is also a Post member, recently had a 300. The only trouble was that it took him three games to do it!

We are also reminded that there are some openings left.

INFANTRY—No. 1

Milt Andre—*Captain*, Ken Burns, Fred Stahlhut, Bill Mitchell.

COAST GUARD—No. 2

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Membership

Upon reading this, all members should have received their dues notice. Membership Chairman Bob Smith reports all statements have been mailed and the response so far is very good. Bob has a big job to handle and would appreciate prompt payment. Attaining our quota in the very near future should be the goal of each member and all you have to do is send your check to Bob. Help make our Post's paid-up membership report to the County an impressionable one!

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... to see that your fellowmen are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy;

... to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life;

... to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

And if you can keep it for a day, why not for always?

—Henry van Dyke.

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WORTH THINKING ABOUT

If your foot slips, you may recover your balance, but if your tongue slips, you cannot recall your words.

Ruts long traveled grow comfortable.

Work done with little effort may yield little fruit.

The world is a whispering gallery which echoes our own voices.

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The Extra Load

Some years ago when a terrible hurricane sent flood waters rushing against a swaying railroad bridge in New England, officials shunted heavily loaded freight cars onto it. The added weight steadied the slender bridge and enabled it to withstand the storm. Heavy personal burdens which descend on people sometimes have their special purposes too.

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BY HAROLD BARKHUFF

Hospitalization in VA Hospitals

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1. Hospitalization is necessary.
2. The veteran certifies his inability to pay private hospital costs elsewhere.
3. A bed is available.

In emergency situations it is preferable to have a doctor call the admitting physician or at night the medical OD to explain the medical aspects of the case. If a doctor is not in attendance then the next of kin or close friend should call the VAH. If the use of a private ambulance is required, approval of the cost of same must be obtained from the VAH at the time the original call is made. Approval cannot be obtained at a later date. The admitting physician or night OD must approve verbally and make the necessary notation in his records. The above are a few of the constant problems involved in veterans service. We ask that you make note of them.

Nursing Home Care Expenses Deductible for Pension Purposes

Recently, a case was submitted for administration review on the question of whether the cost of nursing home care could be deducted from Social Security disability insurance payments in computing income for pension purposes. The veteran is a patient in a private nursing home and is in receipt of Social Security disability payments for the disabilities which require nursing home care. It was held by VA Central Office that the amounts paid for such care could be deductible from Social Security payments under VA Regulation 1262(I).

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Veterans Day

Just a reminder to all Legionnaires to fly the American Flag come Tuesday, November 11. It is such a small way to show our Americanism, support, and love for our Country. Veterans Day should have special meaning for us all!

MUSE AWHILE

Every day holds the possibility of miracles. What stronger breastplate than a heart untainted!

The man who goes about finding fault also goes about closing doors on himself.

One man with courage makes a majority.

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be all day hunting it.

If you must use a hammer, build something with it.

More men get crooked by dodging hard work than become bent by honest toil.

In every action reflect upon the end, and in your undertaking consider why you do it.

A little laughter covers a multitude of grievances.

Zeal without intelligence is fanaticism.

Faith always works when accompanied by works.

To preserve a friend three things are required: to honor him present, praise him absent, and assist him in his necessities.

Philosophy is common sense in a dress suit.

To overcome the present with a heart that looks beyond is triumph.

Anger is only one letter short of danger.

All progress is made by men of faith who believe in what is right and, what is more important, actually do what is right in their own private affairs.

The wise man doesn't expect to find life worth living; he makes it that way.

The best way to acquire self-confidence is to do exactly what you are afraid to do.

Good humor is the health of the soul; sadness is its poison.

A misery is not measured from the nature of the evil, but from the temper of the sufferer.

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LEGION GOLF DAY AT NORMANSIDE A SUCCESS



Left to right above are: Jack McConkey, Fred Clas, Bob Edwards, Ray Callagan (chairman of the event), Royce Day, Ed Ratigan, Rusty Miller, Bob Caminatti.

Wednesday morning, September 24, nine foursomes teed off to start the "Blanchard Post" First Annual Golf Day & Dinner at Normanside Country Club.

Picture above shows Ray Callagan, chairman of the event, awarding the first prize to Ed Ratigan with low gross score of 77. Other winners were:

Royce Day, Walt VanWormer (not present when photo was taken) and Bob

Caminatti, for low net score;

Bob Edwards for closest to the pin;

Rusty Miller for longest drive;

Fred Clas for least putts.

Special thanks are extended to Tip Nelson and guest George Laird, our honest handicappers; also to Jack McConkey who sponsored our members at Normanside Country Club.

JUST LIKE THAT

A GIANT mirror, which would warm the earth and keep some cities in perpetual daylight, can be built in space by 1970, insists Dr. Hermann Oberth, famed German scientist, who first advanced his revolutionary idea thirty years ago. "The grand old man of German rocketry" predicts that the mirror, which would measure some 300 miles in diameter and orbit around the globe at an altitude of many hundreds of miles, could also be used to melt Arctic and Antarctic ice and snow, and control much of the earth's weather.

The mirror could be built piece by piece in

orbit, possibly from materials mined from the moon, as this would be much more economical and practical than rocketing the necessary materials from the earth.

The space mirror would be equipped with a crew whose function it would be to focus it in such a way as to melt polar ice and to warm other cold areas. Equalization of temperatures, Dr. Oberth says, would abolish the Sahara and other unproductive areas of the earth's surface, and turn them into garden spots, thus alleviating many of the world's economic and population problems.

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SPECIAL GUEST COMING

A U.S. Marine combat correspondent will be the guest speaker at an open meeting of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, The American Legion, in Delmar at its mid-monthly November meeting.

Prior to his departure from Vietnam earlier this year the speaker, Staff Sergeant Harold Wayne Blake, was Press Chief for the First Marine Division. Presently he is Public Affairs NCO for Marine Recruiting in the Albany area. He has been a Marine over a decade.

Blanchard members and their guests for the night of Monday, November 17, will hear from Sergeant Blake his eye-witness account of actions at the battle for Hue City in the 1968 Tet Offensive, and the combat operations at Meade River, Maui Peak and Baxter Gardens.

Post Commander Hugh Stowers in announcing the appearance of Sergeant Blake stated "Blanchard Post and its members are glad to make the facilities of our Post available to our friends and neighbors to become further enlightened about Vietnam from the report Sergeant Blake will deliver to us." The meeting commences at 8:30 p.m.

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