

Ten Forty Times



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NOVEMBER 1971

"IN THE BEGINNING"

In 1919 George S. Wheat wrote of his conversations with Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., regarding the genesis of the American Legion. Roosevelt had fought with distinction from the Big Red One's sharp clash at Cantigny to the punishing ordeal in the Soissons sector, where he was wounded in the knee by machine-gun fire. His evacuation and convalescence took him to Base Hospital No. 2 in Paris in the summer of 1918.

One morning as Roosevelt hobbled along a walk he came upon a sergeant resting against a tree. The sergeant, William Patterson, gave Roosevelt a quick salute.

"Expect to get back soon, sergeant?" Roosevelt said.

"Yes, sir. Anxious to go back and get the whole job over, sir."

"So am I. But what will we all do when the Germans really are licked?"

"Go home and start a veterans' association for the good of the country, sir" the sergeant answered.

Roosevelt professed that Patterson's was the first mention made to him of a veterans' organization, although the idea of such an organization had occurred to him in thinking of peace and post-war developments. Now, he found that the prospect of a veterans' association was generally discussed among the men at the hospital. Doubtless the personable young Roosevelt had many conversations with fellow patients who soon would be veterans. It was there that he turned his energetic mind to details of such an undertaking and to solutions to problems entailed in its formation and survival.

The first caucus of the American Legion was conducted by veterans of the American Expeditionary Force in Paris, France on March 15-17, 1919. The famous St. Louis caucus was held in May of 1919. From these two meetings the American Legion was launched to become the world's largest veterans' organization. The first American Legion Convention was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 10-12 of that same year. Half the delegates marched on Monday, the 11th, as snow swirled through their khaki ranks.

Winthrop P. Robinson

A NIGHT AT THE RACES



Our annual evening at the Trotters, having been well organized by Bill McGoey for the night of September 28 turned out to be, as usual, very enjoyable. Bill, having been just released from the hospital, was unable to be with us but was at the Post to see that both buses were loaded and sent on their way.

Arriving at the clubhouse we all partook of a delicious buffet and set off to pick the winners. Needless to say that everyone wasn't lucky but on the return trip a few had smiles on their faces.

Auxiliary President Barbara Palmer presented a gift to the winning jockey in the winner's circle at the conclusion of the American Legion 1040 ninth race. Past Commander Hugh Stowers and his wife Joan, Ed Korp and Ollie Palmer were honored by having a picture taken with "Barb" at the presentation.

Unfortunately, the return trip was a little different. Bill Campbell, in charge of one bus, kept counting heads every ten minutes trying to make sure everyone was aboard. He kept coming up with a different total each time and had to resort to calling for help to straighten out the situation. Hugh Stowers was in charge of the other bus and we understand he had trouble making sure he had all of his passengers but somehow he got all the noisy ones aboard that bus and no one could nap on the way back. All in all it was a fun night and one that we will all look forward to next year.

JEWISH NIGHT

On Saturday evening, November 13, the Post will hold its annual Jewish Night Dinner and Dance. This year there will again be a Bar Mitzvah cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. in which both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and appetizers will be served in the downstairs lounge.

Dinner will be at 7 p.m. in the upstairs social hall. "Cantor" Jerry Romano will

direct Israeli folk dances to the music of "Rabbi" Francis Murphy and his orchestra.

Come and enjoy a good hearty meal and a fine entertaining evening. There will be a limited ticket sale, so get your reservations in early from Art Quinn at the bar. Sid Kaplan will be the chairman of the event and Lenny Sellner will be in charge of the "Kosher" kitchen. Page Two

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* AUXILIARY NEWS

By May Smith

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Carolyn Preska writes "From June 26 to July 3, I was a member of the Empire Girl State's force which invaded the State University of New York at Albany. Sponsored by the New York State American Legion Auxiliary, about 318 girls were selected from small towns and surging cities of New York to participate in an experience in American government.

"A roster of State Legislators and officials were present to impart to us their practical knowledge of local and state politics. Mr. Joseph Persico, Special Assistant to the Director of Communications; Assistant Attorney General Miss Jean Coon; and Assemblyman Fred J. Field were among these distinguished speakers who lectured on the various functions of the state government and of youth's vital responsibility as active citizens to that government. Whether by relating humorous personal experiences or citing cold narcotics statistics the lecturers created an excitement about politics and instilled in each one an eagerness to explore the legislative process.

"However, it was largely through the efforts of one man, Mr. Michael Lamana, our political instructor, that the program was a success. Mr. Lamana is an Associate Professor and Supervisor of Social Studies at the School of Education at SUNY at Albany. He was the person who coordinated the numerous ideas and facts presented and helped us apply this knowledge to our own experiment in politics—the formation of two 'national' Girl State parties.

"These two parties, the Federalists and the Nationalists, were entirely organized by the girls participating. Caucuses were held the first night to determine party leaders, who immediately ignited the political machinery. Committees were chosen to work on each party's platform, publicity, cheerleading and the other vote-getting chores. The next few days succumbed to a series of caucuses, nominating speeches, politicking, and elections. All campaigns were vigorously run, with members from each party sacrificing much needed hours of rest to write speeches or to devise ingenious publicity posters. But by Thursday a.m. both parties had presented their two slates of candidates for city and state positions, on which all participants voted. Thus, the tour of the State Capital following elections was a welcome rest. It was an opportunity for most of the girls to relax while delving into New York State's past. However, the county and state officials came vividly into contact with the present as they met and chatted with their respective counterparts in City Hall. Any remaining strains of campaigning were swept away to the hard rock sound of the 'Bittersweet and Brass' that evening.

"Parents were invited to attend the formal ceremony and reception which officially closed the Empire Girl State's program on Friday evening, July 2. At that time, the new state officers were sworn into office by the Hon. Thomas Brown, member of the Assembly. In a cluster of candlelight at the ceremony's conclusion, the two State Senators who would represent New York State at Girl's Nation in Washington, D. C. were

announced. So, amid many moist tears and excited cries, the official program ended. However, the spirit of Empire Girl's State, with its national pride and political awareness, will continue indefinitely in 318 girls who live in this state."

President Barbara Palmer reports the Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of New York, Third District, was held Sept. 25, 1971 at the Holiday Inn in Kingston, N. Y. Lenore Smith, Barbara Whitney and I went from Blanchard Post, Helen Reynolds as Vice Chairman of Albany County, and Maud Hafley as Past Dept. President.

Our Past Dept. President, Ann Harrington reported that the Vietnam Room at VA Hospital is completed but the drapes, and that there will be an "Open House" when they arrive.

Music Dept. Chairman Ruth Ann Brainard said that the theme will be the "Sound of Music." Let each Unit use as much music as possible.

Communications Dept. Chairman Mrs. Kenneth Hack said that each Unit chairman should tell the community what they are doing. Her slogan is "Let's Crow and Report."

Poppy Dept. Vice Chairman Maud Hafley announced that she has Poppy stamps, booklets and windshield stickers for sale.

Finance Dept. Chairman Mrs. Jesse Haley said, "Worry about your money before you spend it." In each Unit's general fund should be money-making project money (to be used only for project money was made for) and dues. In the Poppy Fund—Poppy money to be used just for welfare, and should be used up

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each year. Treasurer should be bonded. Finance Committee would be made up of three members and treasurer, and the budget should be put before the members for approval.

Past President Parley, Dept. Chairman Ann Harrington said that their money goes for taking care of women veterans.

Dept. President Lucy Coyle gave the remainder of the projects for this year:

Americanism — Have an educational program, Subject: "Firing Line," and speak out about Americanism.

American Legion Mountain Resort — Make use of facilities; \$11.00 per day. Cancer-Laryngectomy Program

Chaplain—Report death immediately to County Chaplain. Make up "Book of Prayers" for your Unit.

Civil Defense—Project "Be Prepared"
Constitution and By-Laws—Distribute
to each member.

Community Service—Projects: blood banks and PTA.

Coupons — Quota: 40 per member. Empire Girls State—Contact girl and stress "Be physically and mentally capable to participate." Have former Girl

Staters to tea.

Empire State News—Every chairman should subscribe.

Foreign Relations — Project: Kenya, East Africa. Money to buy equipment and tools so they can help themselves.

History.—To tell story of Unit history. Legislature.—Assist American Legion wherever and whenever possible. Write views of American Legion.

After the meeting we had our membership cards stamped "Started the Fire." Let's "start the fire at Blanchard Unit."

Wednesday, Oct. 6, the Normanside Country Club was the setting for outgoing Pres. Marcia Rosenfield's dinner.

Honored guests were Maud Hafley, Past Dept. Pres. and Sophie Kaminski, outgoing County Chmn. Other Albany County guests were Winnie DeMizio, the present County Chmn., Helen Klimek, Helen Mintline, R. Restifo, Rose Igoe.

Chris Barkhuff called the role of past presidents and was presented a token of our affection as she is leaving to move to Florida. After presentation of our gift from the Unit, Marcia in turn reciprocated with presenting the Unit with a table set of our flags.

Chairman Betty Costigan would like to thank her committee: Marcia Turner, co-chairman; Ann Carroll and Claire Colonna, table decorations; Della Brady, reservations; and Jane Alwell, tickets. A delightful evening was had by all.

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Help wanted to serve donuts and coffee at the bingo party at the VA Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 3. Be there by 6:45 sharp to assist the veterans play bingo.

Chairman Della Brady announces the following chairmanships for the card party on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Post Rooms. Mary Caplan Fashions by the Fashion Wheel, Western Ave.; Laura Howard, tickets sponsored by Delaware Gardens; Ruth Burns requests everyone to bring party sandwiches; Lenore Smith is looking for door prizes; Maud Hafley is taking care of table prizes; Marcia Turner is in charge of publicity. Tickets are \$1.25 and available at the door, so come and see the fashions, enjoy an evening of cards and delicious sandwiches, and if you are lucky, take home a prize.

Chaplain Barbara Whitney says help! Everyone's aid is needed so that your chaplain can have a complete report to send to County each month. If you send cards, illness, birthday, sympathy or any of these occasions or send Mass cards, please make note of the number of cards sent during the month and the cost and turn it in to your chaplain at monthly meeting. With the aid of all members we can have a good report from our Unit.

A dinner honoring Sophie Kaminski and her staff will be at the Post Rooms on Monday, Nov. 8. The general chairman is Maud Hafley while Marcia Rosenfield is in charge of decorations and Barbara Palmer the dining room. Get your reservations to Helen Faas or Mae

Beyer, Reservations Chairmen by Nov. 3 for a delicious roast beef dinner served by Kaa Rheu Vahn Caldron of Albany.

The Legion Auxiliary's project this year is Kenya, so kindly contribute your pennies, change or whatever you desire.

Lee Hurley, Chairman of Committee on Children and Youth requests that any good used clothing, to be distributed to needy children in the area.

The Auxiliary purchased drapes for the front of the room and thank you Ann Lee for a job well done.

Laura Howard reports sale from the Pine Party amounted to \$117.00. The Auxiliary will receive 15 percent of this.

She has sold seven cases of candy and has six cases left—chocolate-covered almonds, caramel crunch, katydids—\$1.50 per can and mints at \$1.00 per box.

Laura also has Tinsel Ball raffle tickets which are 25ϕ each or five for \$1.00.

Refreshments Chairman Gwen Grasser thanks Jane Alwell and Barbara Whitney for preparation and clean-up at the covered dish supper in October.

Several members addressed over 1400 March of Dimes envelopes.

Barbara Palmer presented the trophy (a watch) at the Saratoga "Night at the Races" on Tuesday, Sept. 28. She also was a guest for the Auxiliary at the 25th V.F.W. Anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Membership Chairman Lenore Smith reports "At the Fall Conference in Kingston, Mrs. Raymond Wellington, Dept. Membership Chmn., spoke to us of her goal for the Department of New York in 1972. Her goal is 60,000 members. She

said we should be proud of our membership in the Auxiliary. Each member adds to the strength of the organization. What a great opportunity for service and for new friends. If you know a friend who is eligible, why not ask her to join?

"Just a reminder about DUES. You are urged to pay yours as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. Our PER CAPITA TAX will be increased by 20ϕ a member by Jan. 15, 1972. With your cooperation we will be able to attain OUR GOAL before that date."

Congratulations Zen and Bill Campbell on your 25th anniversary Oct 13th.

Best wishes to the Giacone's on their new restaurant, "Stardust."

The following coupons, etc. are acceptable this year:

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Mrs. Filbert's (margarine), Super Suds, Betty Crocker, Red Scissors.

Trading Stamps: Plaid, Triple S Blue, Merchant's Green, United, S&H Green, Gold Bond, King Korn, Top Value.

Cigarettes: Belair, Raleigh, Old Gold, Alpine, Galaxy, Spring, York.

AUXILIARY CALENDAR

Nov. 3/Wed.—Bingo at VA Hospital Nov. 6/Sat.—Birthdays by Blanchard at VA Hospital.

Nov. 8/Mon.—Dinner for Past County Chairman in Post Rooms.

Nov. 9/Tue.—Card Party-Fashion Show

Nov. 16/Tue.—Business Meeting Dec. 5/Sun.—Open House at VA Hosp.

Dec. 6-7/Mon.-Tue.—Gift Shop at VA Dec. 21/Tue.—Christmas Dinner Party

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... Capt. Ron UNSER and the INFAN-TRY team getting off to a fast early lead ... Glad to see big Bill MITCHELL all over that eye infection and back in action with a big bang ... Here we go with that shoulder patch stuff again Bill ALWELL made the 7-0 split and yelled for a shoulder patch from Charley WILEY. Comments by Charley, Bill CAMPBELL and Vern EAGAN—while interesting—weren't sympathetic toward Bill ... Glad to see George FEIDEN back in the league ... Did ya notice in the Sept. '71 1040 Times that they asked "Do you

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know where your children are tonight?" right under our bowling column. Are they trying to tell us bowlers something? (Marie and Mike say to me, "You know where we were, but do you know where you were?") ... Vince "Coast Guard" D'ANZA is going to make a big move upward, I betcha! and Hank "Artillery' RISTAU is moving right up there every week and watch big Al VANDERWOOD move right in there when he gets to be permanent party! . . . and did you notice that our Secretary broke up the Florida Gang of Bud "Coast Guard" MOSMEN. Prez George BUTMAN and Fred "Infantry" BUKER? "How come ya did that," Charley asked Bud MOSMEN, "We're not going to Florida this winter" "You're not!" asked Charley. "No," said Bud, "we're going to HAWAII!"...and if you asked Doug "Navy" ROACH "why so quiet?" he could logically say, "How would you guys know anybody was quiet with all the noise va make!"... Fred "not Shaver" SHARER really getting off to a big start with that huge 253 game. Jack "Artillery" BRADY modestly says, "Why shouldn't he, after all I'm his advisor!"... A big welcome to the league to Dick "Marines" MURTAUGH...Here I had Milt "Artillery" ANDRE off conventioning while all the time Milt was being plagued with inner-ear trouble! (I'll make it up, Milt, when you really are off conventioning, I'll say that you're ill!) ... and Hugh "Infantry" STOW-ERS has already-yet raised his average by TEN points . . . and we see Commander Bob and Lenore SMITH doing quite a bit of dancing down at the Post on Friday nights . . . Good to see Rose and Tom FOY at the Friday Nite Post dancing session after a busy summer . . . and where has that great dancer Claude WHITE been lately? ... I hope the powers-that-be talk Roxie and Wally ER-LICHMAN into heading up another affair after the swell Tinsel Ball job they did . . . and you are always sure of some good-natured humor when ya talk wit Betty and Ed COSTIGAN or Lil and Bill BLANCHARD down at the Post . . . and Vice Prez John "Navy" HAKER sez, "I am no expert on vice, but I sure know how to get bowling banquets lined up early!" and all our congrats to you John for the quick, right-on job...and of course ya all know that Joe "the Vice Cmdr." CUMMINGS was some baseball pitcher a couple or three years ago ... and is Ye Ed KORP tearing up not only our league with his fat average but also the Sunday night league.

Come back and read us next month and remember if you don't succeed at first, CHEAT!

The Gutter Duster

Bourbon Street Night

Can't say enough thanks to Len Sellner for his culinary talents for our first real successful September affair. Bourbon Street Night is destined to be an annual affair. The food and music were certainly exceptional.

We had two birthdays that evening: Buck Rogers and Ed Korp, and we celebrated Don and Duzie's that occurred Wednesday prior to the party.

Members pitched right in as usual to name a few: Mary and Frank Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Burns, Bill Donnelly, Roger Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Korp, Lew Leglor, Hugh Stowers, Jane Alwell, Gus Williams and Ollie Palmer.

Sunday following, we had a clean-up committee of Ollie Palmer, Barbara Palmer, Fred Grasser, Gwen Grasser and Len Sellner.

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Nov. 1	Post Affairs	8:00
	Regular Meeting	8:30
Nov. 9	Auxiliary Card Party	
Nov. 13	Jewish Night Dinner-Da	
Nov. 15	Regular Meeting	
Nov. 29	Board of Directors	8:30
Nov. 30	County Meeting	
	Blanchard Post	

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A DAY AT WEST POINT

On Saturday, September 18, Women's Lib won out at Blanchard Post and wives and daughters accompanied their men on the family day bus trip to West Point. The consensus of opinion among all the girls was that they had a great time and were delighted that the trip had been changed from a father-son day.

Everyone arrived with raincoats, as it threatened rain early that day, but by the time the buses arrived at the Point it was clearing up and it turned out to be a beautiful warm day with everyone shedding their outer-wear by mid-day.

Sorry to say that Army lost to Stanford but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the Blanchard group. There were a few traitors in the crowd and they were warned to put down their Stanford banners or the buses were going to leave without them. A few lucky people managed to ride the Point's buses back up to the stadium following the dress parade but the majority were panting heavily when they arrived for the start of the game. At half-time we all enjoyed the very impressive ceremonies put on by the Third Infantry Regiment from Fort Meyer, Virginia, entitled "The History of the American Flag." It was truly beautiful!

Upon returning to the buses everyone was ready for a soda and it wasn't very long before all the ice chests were emptied and we were on our way back home.

Bill Campbell would like to thank all the willing helpers he had the Friday night the box lunches were packed and hopes to see another trip to West Point again next fall.

DID YOU KNOW ...

* That Jack Chteney is noted for his punctuality.

* That Al Adams looks tall in the saddle.

* That Fred Vogel has insurance on each Yankee ball player.

* That Joe Von Ronne is the Arnold Palmer of the Blanchard Post.

★ That Bill McKeough raises Japanese beetles for business reasons.

* That Gus Williams sent the Pope two free tickets for Italian Night.

★ That Bill Mitchell eats like a bird a vulture.

★ That Neil Cummings is putting on steak sandwiches free each Saturday he works.

★ That Kenny Stinson hit the jackpot at the laundramat. He put in six pair of shorts; took out seven.

* That Bill Flint has yet to lose a bet with Bryant McCarthy.

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1040's POST ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 1971-72

Nov. 13—Jewish Night — Dinner-Dance Dec. 11—Tinsel Ball — Dinner-Dance

Dec. 18—Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 19—Egg Nog Party (Sunday) Dec. 31—New Year's Eve Party —

Dance and Breakfast

Jan. 15-20 Week Club-Dinner-Dance Jan. 29—German Night—Dinner-Dance

Feb. 5-Indoor Sports

Feb. 12—Valentine Party Dinner-Dance Mar. 11—St. Patrick's Night Dinner-Dance

Mar. 19-Back to God Breakfast (Family Sunday)

Apr. 8—Spring Party — Dinner-Dance Apr. 22-Past Commander's Night -Dinner-Dance

May 19-Installation of Officers

May 29-Memorial Day Parade

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS

The Board recommended to the Post (who approved) the paving of the parking lot, which at presstime has been installed. As you have probably noticed the grass is up and living in our new plot in front of the building.

The Board also authorized the purchase of six more tables for the dining room and those have been delivered.

In deference to the beer drinkers the Board has arranged for a new beer tap from the walk-in cooler to the service bar in the dining room which has also been installed. (No more carrying kegs upstairs!)

The Board asked the Ladies Auxiliary if the Preamble in the meeting room could be draped for outside functions, and they have graciously provided the

drapes.

Bill Campbell's House Committee, at the Board's request, conducted a "cleanup" evening in the upstairs storeroom. The Board also was happy to see that through the hard work of Hank Voorhees and Jim Cornes the clock has now been installed in the bar along with Hank's installation of the internal vacuum cleaner system.

Frank Futia (who also helped with the installation of our coffee urns in the kitchen) also helped with the loan of a fancy drill to install the new uptairs beer tap.

The Board has posted bar prices in the lounge and will shortly publish a list

of "bar etiquette rules."

The Board gave its special thanks to Frank Lewis who donated his time in installing the lettering on the front of the Post Building.

The Board Chairman welcomes suggestions that might improve our operations. Contact Phil Lee or any Board member if you have ideas.

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A COUPLE OF WORDS FROM THE COMMANDER

At our meeting of Nov. 15, Blanchard Post's representative to Boys State will be our guest and tell us of his impressions of Boys State. It is always most rewarding to hear these young men talk. If you think that the youth of today isn't up to par, come to that meeting to hear Tom Tomlinson speak. If you are all for the young people, come to give your support with action rather than just lip service.

Just another reminder that our new lawn and the front of our building is not part of the parking lot. There have been a few mistakes but the cooperation has

been very good. Keep it up.

A few of our social events have already taken place for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked in any way to have made these events the great successes they have been, and a thank you to all of you who have supported these affairs with our attendance. We have the happy problem of having more people wanting to come to our affairs than we can handle. With the publishing of a yearly calendar of events, it is felt that the fairest way of handling the situation is on a first come-first served basis. If you haven't been successful so far, don't give up, but try to be a first comer a little sooner for the next event.

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