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Commander: Herbert Drew Arnold Mosmen Adjutant:

lst Vice-Commander: Harold Jorgensen
2nd Vice-Commander: Richard Lenseth

Finance Officer: Richard Dalton

3rd Vice-Commander: Dr. Stanley Klett

MEETINGS: REGULAR, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd., at 8:30 P.M. SHARP EXECUTIVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th., at 8:00 P.M.

REGULAR, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th., at 8:30 P.M. SHARP

On December 2nd., the following films will be shown:
U. S. Marine Corps combat, chosen to Hungnam, Korea.
Submarine Combat. "Take Her Down" Submarine Combat, "Take Her Down"

ACTIVITIES: Mark down these dates, pardners!! You and your family won't want You must review the date of enlistment, date of discharge, and type to miss them.

December 14th., Saturday -- Children's Christmas party, and Santa Claus is the star attraction, natch!! Starts at 1:30 P.M.

December 14th., Saturday -- Tinsel Ball for all members and guests. Dancing from 10:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M.

December 21st., Saturday -- Annual Eggnog Party, 7--9 P.M. The ideal time to say "hello" to all your old and new friends. The broad two the property of the pro

December 31st., Tuesday -- New Years Eve. High spot of the year!! Tickets are \$7.50 per couple, and see Dick Lenseth quick about your reservations. The limit is about 175, and they go fast.

SPORTS NIGHT, November 18th., was very successful, and Ned Harkness, probably the best ice hockey coach in the country, gave the most entertaining talk we've heard at the Post for many years. This program received favorable comment when first announced, and six publicity releases in four newspapers publicized it. Yet 94% of the membership missed it!! Mon sollte ich nicht fur moglich halten!! (Loose translation: One would not think it possible).

LUCKY BUCKS: At the November 4th. meeting, 12 dirty old one's were strung on a clothesline ready for presentation. Gil Williams was the chosen one, but he strayed from the fold and was not present at the drawing. Now poor old Gil is the horrible example. Don't let it happen to you!! Next drawing is Monday, December 2nd., and the pot is growing.

DUES: We want to thank every member who has renewed his membership. You have remitted just fine. Our County Quota is 616. Let's show Albany County that the American Legion in Tri-Village is the strongest in the county!! Our membership chairman is Dr. Stanley Klett, 4 Bradford Place, Slingerlands. Let's keep him busy!!

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NEW MEMBERS: A fine group of new members were initiated at our last business meeting. They were George Kirk, Henry Voorhees, Francis Futia, George Dodge, Arthur Jay, Russ Adams, George Wallace, Ralph Bunnell, Malcolm Graham, Bill Roberts, Vincent D'Anza, Joe Cunningham, and Arthur Crossup. We're delighted to have these veterans with us, and may their association with the Blanchard Post be satisfying to them and to the Post.

<u>DISTURBED?</u> Yes!! We wonder of all members realize how embarassing it is when members sponsor an ineligible person for American Legion membership. Yes, it's embarrassing to your Post, to you, and to your prospect!! Why don't you clip out the passage below as a guide and keep it in your wallet or desk?

CONSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

"Any person shall be eligible for membership in the American Legion who was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force of the United States and assigned to active duty at some time during any of the following periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945; June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953; all dates inclusive\*\*provided, however, that such service shall have been terminated by honorable discharge of honorable separation or continued honorably after any of said periods; provided further, that no person should be entitled to membership who, being in such service during any of said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service."

You must review the date of enlistment, date of discharge, and type of discharge of every prospective member, sign the application form, and turn it in to one of the officers. To date we have had several with just a slip of paper with the prospect's name and address, and these cannot be accepted. If there are any doubts about eligibility, see the Post Commander.

<u>KITCHEN</u>: Bill Johnston reports the end is in sight. Good news, especially to you members who have rolled up your sleeves, and there are plenty of you. Some people said we were crazy to do it without paid help, but it only goes to prove that the Blanchard Post can do the impossible. Hey, don't sit back now, we still need HELP! Incidentally, next time you are in the Post, go up and see the kitchen. Donations: We need 'em!!

SICK: Bill Streets is taking a few steps and might be home for Thanksgiving. Frank Langwig was hospitalized for awhile and is convalescing at home.