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At this time the membership of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following merchants for their wonderful receiving of our Fund Raising Committee workers. At this time our total amount raised stands at \$6,000.00. We take pride in publishing the fellowship list of merchants that have been so understanding of our dream for a new Legion Home. Our drive is now starting to progress and our intentions are to keep adding names in each issue of our paper as drive members bring in additional donations. Our door to door drive of *Legion Members* is also in progress.

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Dear Commander Campbell,

Mrs. Dorothy M. Hosey, our fourth grade teacher, and our class wish to show our appreciation to you and your men for all you have done and do for us. We are inviting you to represent your Post by attending our National Education Week Assembly November 13, 1968 at 1:45 in our auditorium. If you can't come, will you please send someone to accept our award. Best wishes.

Your friend.

Five of the children of the Delmar Elementary School, namely, Chris Reagan, Becky Niles, Franklyn Ashby, Cary Dibble and Garth Pittman, representing

their class, forwarded the above letter to Commander Campbell.

Upon arriving at the school each guest was escorted to the stage by two members of the class. An excellent program was presented by these young children before the presentation of the awards. Commander Campbell and Vice Commander Merwyn Atwood, who also attended, were proud to accept for our membership this award which was given to the "men who protect us".

Awards were also given to Dana Moore, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Gerald Day, Captain of the Delmar Fire Department, and Bethlehem Police Chief Peter Fish.

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 21 at the Post Hall, starting at 1 p.m. All Tri-Village children are invited. A new Legionnaire, Robert George will be entertaining the children with his own special talent. He and Santa will be looking forward to seeing all the children!

Membership

Membership Chairman, Hugh Stowers informs us that if we can make our 780 membership quota by January 1, 1969 we will receive a special citation from the County American Legion. This citation has been received only once by Blanchard Post so please make an effort, one and all, to help us obtain our goal by paying your '69 DUES IMMEDIATELY.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 4 — The Post Affairs Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, December 14 — Egg Nog Party, 7-9 p.m. Tinsel Ball, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

MONDAY, December 16 — Mid-monthly meeting.

SATURDAY, December 21 — Childrens Christmas Party, 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 26 — County Meeting — Scambelluri-Carlino Post No. 1775.

TUESDAY, December 31 — New Year's Eve Party.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sing, dance and frolic with your friends at your Blanchard Post 1040 gala New Year's Eve celebration.

We are off to a flying start towards the earliest sellout ever. The price this year is \$3.00 per person. All tables are reserved with a limit of 130 people. At this writing we have 74 sold and 56 to go. We have the fine music of Mary Hirschburgs Orchestra playing from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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EGG NOG PARTY

The holiday's are only 3 weeks away. At this time of year, Blanchard Post members look forward to starting the Christmas season with their friends and neighbors at the Annual Egg Nog Party and Tinsel Ball. This year the joyous occasion will be held at the Legion Post on December 14th. Final details are not yet available, so check the bulletin board for time and price. Make plans to attend and wish all your fellow Legionnaires a Merry Christmas, in person.

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By MARCIA ROSENFELD

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Chairman Helen Reynolds sends out Diana Shore XXXX to all who participated in the Fall Card Party. Esther Cooke appreciated the thoughtful members who contributed sandwiches. Elizabeth Schraa, who organized the fashion show, wishes to thank Town and Tween for their co-operation and all the attractive models.

As a side thought—President Maud Hafley has some extra door prizes which you can purchase for less than \$1.00—the cute flowered rain bonnets. Wouldn't they be darling stocking stuffers or an ideal gift for a Christmas grab bag! You might want to bring one as a gift to our Christmas Dinner which will be...

Tuesday, December 17th at Joseph's Restaurant, Route 9W, Selkirk. The cocktail hour begins at 6:00 o'clock with a special table laden with hot appetizers. The Calling Committee will phone you within the next week for your reservation. Reservations WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 11th. If you have a change of plans after that date or regret that you said no and now wish to go, please phone Marcia Rosenfield.

MEMBERSHIP

Zen Campbell, Chairman, is having a difficult time reaching the membership quota. We could all help her and more important our organization by encouraging new residents to join the Auxiliary. Why not take back issues of the 1040 TIMES to your new neighbors. Surely

this interesting newspaper will give the couple a preview of the type of activities sponsored by both the Legion and the Auxiliary. Then, perhaps they would like to join us at the Auxiliary Christmas Dinner (ladies only) or at the Egg Nog Party and Tinsel Ball (December 14th). When they attend the latter make it a must to introduce them to both Zen Campbell and Hugh Stowers. An organization as worthy as ours should be proud to enlist new memberships from the community.

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SEASONS GREETINGS

President Maud Hafley, officers and members of the Auxiliary take this opportunity to wish you and your family the joys of the Season. May the truest joys of Hanukkah blend into wonderful memories for you. May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always. We wish you happy holidays and a bright New Year to follow.

Auxiliary Calendar

SATURDAY, December 14 — Egg Nog Party and Tinsel Ball at the Post, 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, December 17 — Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Joseph's Restaurant.

FRIDAY, December 20 — County meeting at 8:00 p.m. Place to be announced.

The members of the Auxiliary extend to their fellow members from St. Thomas Parish their deepest sympathy. We regret the loss of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond F. Rooney. He was a dynamic individual who contributed his talents and energy toward the growth of our community. His memory will linger in God's work which he accomplished. His might will be remembered.

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BOWLING NOTES

At press-time the Blanchard Bowling League had two months of games behind it. The name of our Post Finance Officer, Bob Smith, suddenly loomed into the captaincy zone, the top eight players in the league. Milt Andre holds the honors for high triple, 617, and high single, 232, with himself as runner-up. Cookie Van Wormer is in third place for triple with 576 and Angie Tangora for single with 225.

In the standing Coast Guard leads with 26 points, followed by Tanks, Artillery, Army, Navy, Engineers, Marines and Infantry. The Artillery bowlers are high for triple and single; Coast Guard second for triple and Army second for single and Infantry third for both single and triple.

Here's how the players rate in points:

Andre, M.	180
Van Wormer, W.	175
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Because Commander Bill Campbell was unable to attend Vice Commander Hugh Stowers represented our Post at the special services recognizing Veterans and the members of the Armed Forces conducted Sunday morning, November 17 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This is the third consecutive year this church, whose pastor is Reverend Paul H. Gassmann, has offered these rites as a community event. Some special invited guests other than Blanchard Post were the VFW and the Committee That Cares.

So that all members of our Post may share the stirring message expressed by the guest speaker, General Cortland Van Rensselaer Schuyler, here is its text:

I feel deeply honored at this invitation to address you this morning, and particularly pleased that you have allowed me to choose as my subject "A Veteran Looks at His Country." For when a man looks at his country, he looks also at his church. The motto "For God and Country" is no empty gesture. It sets forth in truth, the inseparable elements of the veteran's faith. And so it is most appropriate that here in this church on Sunday following Veterans Day, we all should give thought to our country's veterans and the cause they have served.

I wish I could say to you that I speak for all our veterans. But no man can do that. For the twenty million or more of us alive today are as diverse in origin, in character, and in background as would be any other large group picked at random throughout the Nation. We are white and we are black, rich and poor, Northerners and Southerners, countryfolk and cityfolk, and of course, Republicans and Democrats. Even our *military* backgrounds are highly dissimilar, —Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, —overseas or on the home front. But we do have one thing in common, —a deep-down sense of pride that we answered the call when it came, that we did our full duty as loyal citizens. And there are few of us indeed who haven't boasted a little bit to our children and grandchildren about some of our experiences.

So I am speaking this morning just as one individual veteran, who has spent 40 years in service, much of it overseas.

And if what I say draws too heavily on personal experience, my excuse must be that it is just a host of such experiences that have taught me what it is really like to be an American.

There is an old story about the King of Athens who, on a visit to the King of Sparta during one of their rare friendly periods, asked: "Where are the fortified walls to protect your people?" The Spartan King took his guest to the training ground and showed him his soldiers drilling. "There are the walls of Sparta," he said.

How true that is with us today! We Americans have never been fond of building walls around our borders. First of all, we have sought—with more success than most nations—to be good neighbors to the peoples who live close to us. And, secondly, we have always known that no fortification is as effective as a well-trained force that goes where the trouble is before the trouble comes to us.

Today the United States has men stationed in more than a hundred lands and nations around the globe. They are parts of the "wall"—if you want to call it that—behind which we and our like-minded Allies live the kind of free and democratic lives that our forefathers envisioned for us; behind which we labor to help other freedom-loving people attain their rightful place among the nations of the world; and behind which we seek in every way that we know a just and lasting peace. The boys who man those "walls" today will return tomorrow to swell the ranks of our veterans.

Of course the greatest of our living veterans is General Eisenhower. I am sure most of you noted, as I did, those recent photos in the press or on TV showing Ike, looking somewhat drawn, but wearing his customary courageous and heart-warming smile waving to a group of newsmen from his room at Walter Reed Hospital. And I am sure the sight of this familiar figure, fighting gamely to recover from his seventh heart attack, stirred again in you, as it did in me, a feeling of warm sympathy and affection, not so much because of his record as chief of one of our two great political parties, but primarily

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because of his genuine honesty and integrity, the high quality of his personal leadership and his deep concern for his fellowman. And I would hope that, on this day, you will find it possible to offer up a short prayer for this great American, that his recovery may continue, and his life be prolonged so that he may enjoy for some years to come the rest and tranquility to which he is so richly entitled.

These thoughts bring vividly to my mind another scene, back in 1951, when I stood with a group of staff officers at General Ike's side at the ceremony marking the opening of our NATO headquarters, just outside Paris. The countries of Western Europe lay ravaged and impoverished from the Great War, while the huge communist armies of Soviet Russia moved ever closer, engulfing one after another of the small nations of Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Just the year before, fourteen free countries on both sides of the Atlantic had signed the NATO treaty, pledging themselves to act in unison to repel any attack. But Europe's peoples had lost their faith in treaties. They needed visible evidence that the pledge would be kept. So the NATO nations had once again turned to Ike for help. And Ike responded, though he had already retired and was happily established as president of one of our great universities. So there he stood, on that beautiful spring day in April, 1951 with some 200 of his staff officers drawn from all fourteen NATO members, answering once again the call of duty. And as fourteen national flags rose slowly together to fourteen separate mastheads, a crack French band played stirring first the Marseillaise and then the Star Spangled Banner.

It was an impressive sight but even more moving was the short address from Ike which followed. He told us that the future of the Free World might well depend upon the success of our efforts. He said that we must of course begin to plan for, organize and train our new NATO forces. But our first and most important job, he emphasized, was to get to know, to understand, to have confidence and trust in each other. They were the words of a great leader, spoken from the heart. None of us who were present has ever forgotten that moment.

That ceremony marked the beginning of the greatest success story in modern history. Under the Marshall Plan, sparked by another great American, veteran General George C. Marshall, America had already begun to devote billions of its dollars to the rebuilding of Europe's shattered economy. And now with General Eisenhower pointing the way, we were starting the job of restoring Europe's confidence, building up NATO's defenses and holding in check the onward surge of Communism. The extent of our success is attested by Western Europe's thriving industries today, her confident forward-looking peoples and her strong governments. It was a thrilling experience just to be an American and to be part of all that.

And now, allow me if you will one more short anecdote. This takes me back to the mid-1940's, when I was serving in Bucharest, as U. S. Representative on the Allied Control Commission for Rumania. My colleagues on the Commission were a British Air Vice Marshal and a Russian Colonel-General. Rumania had been the first axis nation to surrender in World War II, and the Control

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Commission was appointed by our three governments to run the country until a formal peace would be negotiated, some three years later. Unhappily however, the terms of the armistice agreement placed the Russian in general charge, leaving my British counterpart and myself in the status of advisors and observers.

In the spring of 1946, a severe drought hit all of northeast Rumania. Russian armies a million strong had swept through the region, pillaging and stealing, making off with all the reserves of grain the peasants normally put by to tide them over in case of crop failure. The result was a famine of major proportions. When I learned of it, I made a trip to the stricken area and I found the situation indescribably heartrending, —emaciated children, arms and legs like toothpicks, bellies bloated from hunger, lying on their doorsteps scarcely able to move, parents too weak and discouraged to help them. And throughout the region the scene was the same.

I hastened back to Bucharest and going at once to see my Russian colleague, I begged him to join in an appeal to the newly formed United Nations, urging immediate dispatch of food and medicines for the starving peasants.

The Russian looked at me for a moment, apparently in disbelief, then he laughed aloud. "Of course I won't help" he said. "Don't you know that we have famines like this in some part of Russia almost every year? The weak die and the strong survive. It's Nature's way of improving the race. Besides, two years ago these people were our enemies. Why help them now? Let *them* pay *us*—not we, *them!*"

I returned to my office, frustrated and discouraged. Then, for the first and only time in my career, I wrote out a radio message direct to President Truman, bypassing all military channels. I told him of the deplorable conditions I had seen and of my futile attempts to interest the Russians. Stating that no loyal American could stand by simply watching whole villages starved to death, I urged his immediate help. Two days later I had a reply, direct from the President. It said that a ship carrying two million K-rations as reserves for our occupation forces in Germany had been ordered to change course in mid-Atlantic and head for the Rumanian port of Constanza, on the Black Sea. It would be the job of my mission to help unload the rations and have them distributed in the famine area.

This we did with the help of the Rumanian Red Cross. And as we revisited the stricken districts, it was indeed a moving sight to find village after village, alerted to our coming, with families assembled in the village square, their

priests leading in prayers of thanksgiving to God to the Americans and to their generous President. At one such scene, I remember my jeep driver, a young corporal,—now a successful New York architect,—turning to me and saying: "Gee, General, all this sort of makes you proud to be an American, doesn't it?" I wholeheartedly agreed.

We saved thousands of lives that spring. Unhappily, with Russian troops scattered throughout the land, the inevitable communist take-over of the government occurred a year or so later and my mission was recalled. But I am confident that even today there are many peasant families in that country who still remember with gratitude the help they received from a generous, understanding American President.

And so, it was the countless experiences like the several I have just described that have deepened and intensified my own pride and devotion for these United States of America. It is easy for us all to express, with real sincerity our belief in the principles of a just and lasting peace, in the right of all nations to choose their own governments, and in the need for sharing our blessings with those, both within and without our borders, who are less fortunate than us. But for me, at least, it is only when one actually plays a small part in the efforts and sacrifices made in support of those principles that they begin to assume a personal, definitive meaning.

The vast majority of our veterans will recall similar experiences, some far more impressive and heart-warming than mine. And it is from this background of personal participation that most of us are convinced, as I am, that our Nation is today still on the High Road.

We are concerned, perhaps more than most other citizens, at the ugly excesses sometimes committed in the name of civil rights; at the stupid, immature actions of small groups of radical students who interfere with the rights of the great mass of their college-mates to pursue their studies undisturbed; and with the high crime rates in our great urban areas. On the other hand, we know that these are actions by only a small proportion of our population. We have just emerged from our usual turbulent, emotion-packed presidential campaign. We have elected our new leaders in the peaceful, democratic manner prescribed in the Constitution formulated by our forefathers who fought for and created this Nation almost two hundred years ago. And we are all convinced, veterans and non-veterans alike, that our new leaders, like our present ones, will, with God's help, do their utmost to strike at the root causes of the unrest we are experiencing today. Though our problems are vast, our Nation's continued exist-

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ence in freedom is surely not in danger, nor are the basic religious principles by which Americans have always lived in jeopardy. Our fundamental belief in God and in our Country must remain unshaken.

Finally, let me quote to you from a letter written several months ago to the Army's Chief of Staff by a young wife whose husband had just lost his life in Vietnam. "My husband" she wrote "was a proud soldier, and he felt that what he was fighting for was well worth the price he had to pay. He not only fought for his country's freedom, but for every citizen of the United States."

"I am going to have a child, and if it's a boy, he will serve God and his country as his father did—with pride."

With what more moving words than these could we close this salute to our veterans this morning?

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Don't blame the world if it places too low an estimate on your capacity. Its judgment is necessarily based on what you actually accomplish.

The man who is never very strong against anything is never very strong for anything.

If you would like to build a better world, start in your own community.

If you insist on perfection, make the first demand on yourself.

Measure your fellowman by his excellence, not by his shortcomings.

You cannot lead anyone else any farther than you have gone yourself.

Living is like rowing a boat; to keep going you have to keep pulling on the oars.

It is always easy to covet another man's success without envying his labors.

He is wise who grieves not over what he has not, but rejoices in what he has.

He who respects himself wears a coat of mail.

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CHOICE BITS

It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.

You cannot always hear the truth, so listen carefully when you do: it memorizes itself to be made use of, by way of intuition.

They never grow old who love and let love; it opens the door of understanding, tolerance, and happiness.

The next time you measure the worth of a man, try putting the measure around his heart instead of his title, money, or intellect.

Our successes we ascribe to ourselves; our failures to destiny.

In company, guard your tongue; in solitude, your heart.

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.

Anger is a wind that blows out the light of the mind.

Faint praise is sometimes strong censure.

If you were another person, would you like to be a friend of yours?

Love never looks to see what it is going to get in return.

WHY MEN PUSH ON

THROUGHOUT the great farming sections of our country a few years ago, thousands of men worked hard and long, cultivating and sowing their lands only to have a devastating summer drought intercept their harvest, making worthless all of their wearing toil. Yet those men, undefeated by nature's cruel prank, and urged on by everlasting hope, when planting time returned, again flung seed into nature's bosom and pressed hoe and harrow into the soil of their lands. They represented an unconscious symbol of faith.

During depression years, millions of unemployed people kept the light of hope in their eyes, despite hardship and want. Hope alone made them look beyond unrest and insecurity, beyond the questionings and heartaches, the defeats and disappointments.

Hope is the greatest sustaining force in life. It is the one element in the human spirit that will not remain subdued by difficulties. Always it beckons toward the promised land. Man lives, struggles, suffers; he finds himself rebuffed, disillusioned, discouraged, and his efforts and labors wasted, only to have an inner voice tell him to go on, to take one more step, then another, and another.

The businessman, beset on all sides by worries and problems, the clerk behind the store counter, the doctor, the lawyer, the servant—all alike are pushed ahead in life by Hope. It was a wise Providence that planted Hope in the human breast. When everything else is gone Hope lingers on. Fortunately for man, it is the last thing to leave him—unless he himself casts it aside.

THE CORAL AND THE WHALE

THE CORAL is only a speck in the mighty deep, but it is infinitely *constructive* in its tendencies. Its portion on the pattern of life is humble—it sticks to one place through its entire, uneventful career, unknown, unnoticed, and un-honored. But it is a necessary part in a vast and permanent undertaking. It conquers the mighty ocean and rears above the restless waves new lands, providing habitation for birds and beasts and men.

The whale is pompous and gigantic—the Titan of the mighty deep. It roves through leagues of ocean waves, the dread of small fishes, the natural prey and enemy of man. In life it is leviathan, a spouting tyrant of the seas; in death it beaches its useless carcass on an unknown shore, or bestows its bones and blubber as its only heritage to civilization and achievement.

There are few whales in the seas, but countless multitudes of coral. The one is rapidly becoming extinct—the other is working day after day, indefatigably, toward the building of new lands for future generations.

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