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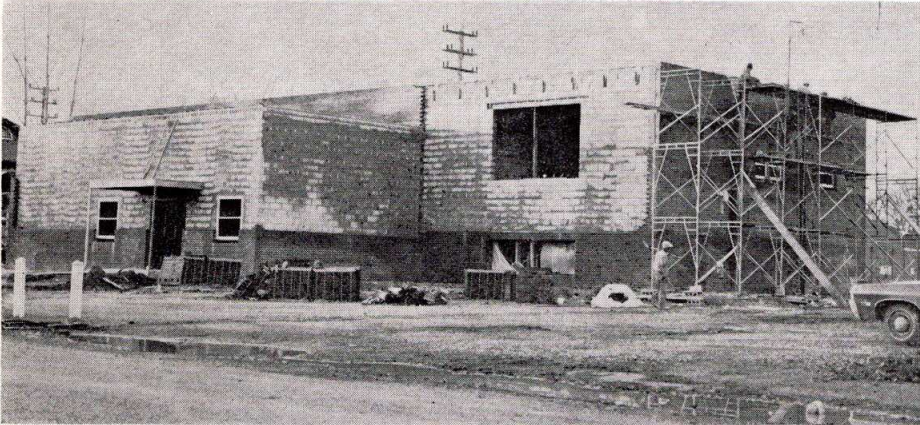
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DECEMBER 1969

YOUR NEW 1040 POST STILL GROWING



At this time the Fund Drive Committee wishes to report that our new home is progressing rapidly. We wish to thank all the members and business people for their generous support. The fund drive has reached the \$30,000 mark. The first loan has now been made with the bank. We still need financial help to keep our mortgage as small as possible. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE HELP. Come out and see the progress. Picture above is not up to date, so you all can realize how things are advancing. The next photograph will show greater progress.

AN EASY WAY FOR YOU TO HELP THE POST

The second dues notice is in the process of being mailed. We are about 250 members short of reaching our quota of 760. The job of notifying this many people, processing their dues cards, signing up new members, handling change of addresses and cancellations for the Post, County, and National Legion, and our own *Ten Forty Times* is a big one in itself. This job becomes all the more complicated when a second and sometimes third notice has to be sent. Besides making more work, late payment of dues costs the Post up to twice as much in postage. Needless to say, we can use all the dollars we can save.

Aside from the work and expense, there is also the prestige of the Post to be considered. Those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend a County meeting do not realize that one of the highlights of the meeting is the reading of the various post memberships to date. It certainly gives a post a much better image if its quota is met early instead of late or not at all.

Another point for early payment of dues is that it enables much better records to be kept, both locally and Nationally. Membership lists are prepared for each post by National Headquarters. These lists are made up by a computer, which gets its information from stubs of paid-up members' dues cards. If your dues is not paid fairly early in the year, your card is not in the hopper and consequently your name is not printed on the roster and a new dues card for the coming year is not machine-made. This in turn creates more work for the next year's membership chairman as everything not printed must be done by hand. Continuous years membership is something else the computer takes care of. Once the number of years is established the computer up-dates and imprints the number of years on the new card.

We have missed our quota before, but with your help we will not miss it again. It is no honor for Blanchard Post to fail in any assignment and being as how you are going to pay your dues anyway, why not get it out of the way before the holidays?

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 1—The Post Affairs Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 13—Old Post Farewell Dinner-Dance; dinner serving 5:30 to 8:30; dancing at 9 p.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 15—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16—Auxiliary's Christmas Dinner at Post rooms.

SATURDAY, Dec. 20—Children's Annual Christmas Party, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 29—Board of Directors meets at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 30—County meeting at Ambrose J. Scully Post 1019.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31—Annual New Year's Eve Party.

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FAREWELL DINNER-DANCE CELEBRATION

Hank Kindberg, Vice Commander and head of Social Activities, announced that all committees have been selected to hold a dinner and dance, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1969. Progress with the new building indicates that this might be the last social affair in our old building.

This Farewell Dinner should have mixed feelings—sad and good. Among the older members who have contributed so much to the success of the 1040 Post, without these fine members we never would have progressed as we did. A few members who are also 50 year Legion members, and still working with us are Earl McGuirk, Harold Barkhuff, Wyn Robinson (first commander). Again the Legion 1040 thanks all the members for what they have contributed in years past.

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Children's Christmas Party

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 20 at the Post Hall, starting at 1:30. Children of the community are invited to attend and enjoy several hours of fun and entertainment. There will be refreshments but most important of all will be a visit from SANTA!

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* AUXILIARY NEWS

Auxiliary President's Corner

BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

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Joan Stowers has an important message for those who took raffle chances. Please get your stubs (name, address, etc.) to her or Art (at the bar) on or before DECEMBER 13. That evening the winners of the "Basket of Cheer" will be drawn. For further details of the Christmas Dance please read the Legion articles in the newsletter.

Remember December 16 is the date of our Christmas Dinner to be held at the Post Rooms. Helen Quinn is in charge of reservations, assisted by the calling committee. Helen Kemnitz will attractively decorate the tables and hall, aided by Grace Von Ronne, Peg Butman, and Lee Hurley. Bring along a grab bag gift.

May Smith is now chairman of the Coupon Committee. If you have been saving trading stamps, Betty Crocker coupons and others, please call May at 439-4743. She will be glad to get them.

Congratulations to Marcia and Bob Rosenfield on their new arrival. It's a boy, folks—7 lbs., 12 oz.—and the God parents are Mrs. Frank Andriano and Frank Zini, also Post members. Marcia wrote her article for 1040 at 9 a.m.; arrived at hospital at 11 a.m.; delivered at 11:55 a.m. What timing!

President Maud Hafley, the officers and members of the Auxiliary send to all the readers our wishes for a joyful Christmas Holiday and a Very Happy New Year.

SATURDAY, Dec. 13—Christmas Dance at Post Rooms; winner of raffle to be announced.

TUESDAY, Dec. 16—Christmas Dinner and Grab Bag at Post, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 30—County Meeting. Place to be announced.

TIME TO DO SOMETHING

The kids probably won't like it very much, but we thought a piece of advice from Judge Gilliam, of the Denver, Col., Juvenile Court might bear repeating as the fall semester of school begins.

Said he:

"Always we hear the plaintive cry: 'What can we do? Where can we go?'"

"The answer is: go home! Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub some floors, repair the sink, get a job, study your lessons, or read a good book."

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreation facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again. In plain words, 'Grow up.' Quit being a crybaby, get out of your dream world, develop a backbone, not a wish-bone, and start acting like a man, or a lady."

We know. We know. Almost every teenager who reads these words is going to groan in exasperation, shake his or her head over the "generation gap" and then begin to wonder, "What can I really do?"

Well, if no other inspiration should happen to strike, you might try Judge Gilliam's advice. Who knows? You may even get to like it.

New Year's Eve

Reservations for this gala affair is past the three-quarter mark. We once again limit this night to the seating capacity upstairs. We will dance to the music of Marv Hirschburg's Orchestra from 10 p.m. till 3 a.m. There will be plenty of horns, noisemakers, balloons and hats for all. Snacks on each table during dance, and ham and eggs breakfast served at 1 a.m. The tariff for this great night is only \$4.00 per person. Pick up your tickets tonight. Remember last year, we were sold out December 15. Don't miss the fun of being with your friends to greet the New Year.

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WE NEED EACH OTHER

Any organization can not prosper very long without a constant influx of new members. Blanchard Post is no exception to this statement. Our quota is 760 members and at the present time we are about halfway there, which indicates we have quite a way to go. Our membership rolls are constantly being depleted by members transferring to other posts, resigning and by answering the big roll call above. If we are to survive and to grow, we must have new members.

In reviewing the membership rolls, it is very apparent that we have a very large source of potential new members. They are veterans from Vietnam. While it is true that we need them, it is also true that they need us and anyone bringing the two of us together is doing both our Post and the veterans a big favor.

The Department of New York is also very interested in seeing these veterans become Legionnaires. They are so interested that the Department will award a V pin for your Legion hat to anyone signing up five Viet veterans. The more or less grand prize is a week's stay at the Mountain Camp for the Legionnaire, and his family, for signing up the most in the state.

In a post as large as ours, it is not possible for your membership chairman to contact all potential new members. I am trying to do the best I can but there is not enough time or of me, to do the job alone. I need your help. Any amount of application blanks may be obtained at the bar or from me.

Names and address of potential new members are published herewith in order to enable you to help get the ball rolling. One more thing: don't be afraid to call on someone because you think that someone else might have contacted him. Imagine how much better a vet would feel to be twice or thrice wanted.

The following list will be revised from time to time as new names are received:

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A TRUE HAPPENING

BY KEN JOPP

Montigny Le Roi, France, Dec. 25, 1918, and the man who came to dinner. A personal experience that happened 51 years ago, which I think is worth retelling.

Headquarters of the immortal 26th, Yankee Division, had been informed that President Wilson desired to have Christmas dinner with the troops. The 26th had been chosen because of its outstanding record. We were the first complete division in France, the first in the front line, serving seven months in actual combat with the loss of 12,000 men.

The men who comprised the 26th were from the New England National Guard and when it left the United States every man was a volunteer. We had come a long way on the path of glory since 1917, when Pershing in an initial review had labeled us Boy Scouts in Burlap. Now our problem was to scour the French countryside for food suitable for a President's Christmas dinner. With the war barely over this proved to be a sizeable task. But the original menu (and I have one), shows that we came up with pretty much of a traditional Christmas dinner.

All regiments of the 26th were alerted for a possible "spit and polish" inspection, and ordered to stand formation in the cold and wet of a very dreary Christmas Day. At the local hall where all was in readiness, men waited anxiously for the President's party. A flourish of "Hail to the Chief" announced their arrival. "Attention" rang through the hall and

The President, Mrs. Wilson, Admiral Greyson, and Secretary of War Baker, filed in and were seated.

With never a word of greeting, the President and his party started eating, what to them must have seemed a frugal meal, but to the rest of us gathered there was the best meal we had enjoyed in a long time. Surely, when dinner is over the President will have something to say, a simple "thank you," some news from home, "Merry Christmas," but no, he arose and with his party left the hall without a word. The men standing at attention looked at each other with astonishment, what could be wrong, we had done our very best, was there no appreciation of our efforts. "C'est le Guerre." The long lines of men as grey as the lice in their shirts, standing in formation in the cold and wet, must have wondered why he never passed their way.

Finally, all regiments were dismissed and ordered to return to barracks, and to their cold and tasteless Christmas dinner. Needless to say President Wilson did not win any popularity contest that day with the men of the 26th.

I have often wondered what this man really wanted that day so long ago. Was it just to have a simple mess kit dinner with some lonely GI, certainly all of our efforts had been in vain. I guess it's best to believe that this was just another disappointment in Wilson's long and frustrating attempt to form The League of Nations.

Letter to The Editor

Dear Mike:

This concerns the Building Fund Committee Reports which have dominated page 1 of the Ten Forty Times in recent months.

I am becoming more and more disenchanted with the reports due to the widespread coverage given to the "business contributions and pledges." A great many of these business pledgers have been listed 6 or 7 times, and there has yet to appear a list of pledges by individuals.

In the October issue, you noted 507 members had promised to pledge during the spring, but that as of August 7 only

238 had contributed. I am sure if you give a little more attention to publicity for individual pledges many of the 269 who have not contributed will do so. Perhaps negative publicity (publishing a list of individuals who have not contributed) as has been done with past membership drives, might be helpful.

In any event, it is suggested some publicity being given to individual member's pledges. The business contributors have received more than their fair share of publicity. While many of us are not able to contribute large amounts, it seems our efforts are worth some mention.

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3 Tangora, A.	5348	30	178
4 Johnston, W.	4617	27	171
5 Smith, R.	4109	24	171
6 Lenseth, R.	4571	27	169
7 Bender, R.	4984	31	166
8 Lantz, G.	4908	30	163
9 Larkin, S.	4084	25	163
10 Aupperle, J.	4841	30	161
11 Klett, S.	4268	27	158
12 Pugliese, A.	4241	27	157
13 Berry, W.	4684	30	156
14 Beckmann, A.	3722	24	155
15 Roach, W.	462	3	154
16 Smith, D.	4614	30	153
17 Hanrahan, E.	4575	30	152
18 Eagan, V.	4087	27	151
19 Mitchell, W.	4077	27	151
20 Stahlhut, F.	3624	24	151
21 Butman, G.	4515	30	150
22 Switzer, G.	4504	30	150
23 Haker, J.	4026	27	149
24 Cole, R.	3586	24	149
25 Buker, F.	3575	24	149
26 Volk, W.	3980	27	147
27 Mosmen, B.	3087	21	147
28 Wickert, A.	1731	12	146
29 Brady, J.	3913	27	145
30 Wiley, C.	4272	30	142
31 Burns, K.	4157	30	138
32 McCabe, L.	3531	27	131
33 Campbell, W.	3482	27	129
34 Monette, L.	3302	27	121
35 Fanning, J.	2780	24	116
36 Bollman, E.	334	3	101

TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Navy	22½	16 +	12 +	.571
Infantry	22	15	15	.500
Artillery	22	17	13	.567
Tanks	20½	15 +	14 +	.517
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NOVEMBER 3 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting called to order by Commander Stowers at 8:35 with 25 members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Membership Chairman reported 352 members paid up, still a long way to go to our quota of 760 and he urged all who have not done so to send in their dues promptly. Under Americanism it was mentioned that all should exercise their privilege and vote and fly the Flag on Nov. 11. Our Colors to be in the Veterans Day Parade in Albany. Sick call and distress found Bill DeGrammont and Art Bahn in the hospital. A card was also to be sent to Pop Morrison. Al Woehrle gave a report on the County meeting. At this meeting it was asked that all posts and members send a letter to Hon. Charles Goodell requesting him to withdraw Bill S3000 which sets a time table for removal of our men from Vietnam. Gus Williams reported that the new building was progressing very well and that we hope to be able to have our New Year's Eve affair in the new building. It was decided to request early morning surveillance from the Police Department for our buildings, as the old building is becoming more and more accessible and we have a lot of materials in the new building. It was voted and passed that we purchase new uniforms for the Color Guard and Drill Team. Jim Corns was to draw up and post rules for the use and playing of shuffleboard. A letter was read requesting our help in the Toys for Tots program. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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STOP AND THINK

On Thursday, Nov. 6, 1969, the following letter was read on Radio Station WTKO's "Opinion Please" program, hosted by Andy Andrews. As a result of the urging by a number of listeners, Andy Andrews submitted the article to the *Ithaca Journal* in order that many people might be able to have the article. The article has recently appeared in several newspapers, and this one in particular from the June 6, 1968 edition of the *Waterville Advance*. The article read on WTKO was refused by the *Ithaca Journal* and as a result will not appear in our local newspaper.

Here is the text of the newspaper article that at least several newspapers have been concerned enough to print...

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of some of the "Communist Rules for Revolution." Nearly 50 years later, the Reds are still following the rules. As you read this, stop after each item and think about the present day situation where you live, and all around our nation. We quote from the Red Rules:

A. Corrupt the young: get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule, and obloquy.

4. Always teach true democracy, but seize power as fast and ruthless as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word and ruggedness.

C. Cause registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

That was quite a list, wasn't it? Now stop and think—how many of these rules are being carried out in this nation today? I don't see how any thinking person can truthfully say that the Communists do not have any part in the chaos that is upsetting our nation. Or is it just one big coincidence? I doubt it!

The cost for the paper and the time spent on distribution of this news article is being graciously given by the Ithaca Memorial Chapter 147, DAV. Printing costs are being contributed by Andy Andrews.

Season's Greetings

Post Commander Hugh Stowers and his officers wish all the members and their families a happy and blessed holiday season, and may the New Year bring world peace.

Taps

We mourn our departed comrades, Kenneth Bailey, Adrian Fearon, and Andrew Earl who passed away in recent weeks.

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Fund Drive Committee

To clarify some of the feelings expressed by a letter sent to the editor.

Fund Drive Committee consisting of 14 members, after much discussion and canvassing of members, found the feeling was NOT to print names of individual members donating to building fund for many various reasons.

But your committee feels that any individual donor who may want his name published, please inform the committee and it will be done.

At this time your committee would be happy to except help and advice from any member willing to give of his time.

The Committee

Fund Drive Chairman Report

At this time I wish to state the chore of Fund Drive chairman was taken on by me, a complete amateur in this field. Any mistakes or blunders made have been done because of my being inexperienced, and I appreciate constructive criticism. It will no doubt make for a more successful drive.

Joe Von Ronne

Veterans Day Parade

Of the 17 American Legion Posts invited to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, Blanchard was one of the best represented. The wet, three-mile-march, was made by the following Legionnaires: Ken Burns, Ed Korp, Jack McDermott, Bill Mitchell, Don Smith and Al Woehrl. Assisting in transportation was Robert Smith.

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3rd Day: Lisbon—Full day sightseeing, which begins with a morning motorcoach tour of artistic Lisbon. Driving through the narrow streets of the old town, you visit St. George's Castle, the Royal Coach Museum with over 50 richly decorated ceremonial coaches, and Jeronimos Monastery, Lisbon's finest example of the Manuelin style of architecture. Following lunch, drive to Queluz and Sintra, former summer retreat of royal family. Return to Lisbon via the fashionable resort town of Estoril.

4th Day: Lisbon/Badajoz—Lisbon morning at leisure. Afternoon departure for Badajoz. Check into your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

5th Day: Badajoz/Madrid—Morning departure for Madrid. Travel through the villages and market towns of Western Spain to Oropesa to have luncheon at the old Castle. Arrive in Madrid for dinner.

6th Day: Madrid—Morning sightseeing of Madrid includes visits to world-famous Prado Museum, the unique Plaza Mayor, charming Retiro Park, Puerto del Sol, geographic center of Spain, elegant Jose Antonio Avenue, and the impressive Plaza de Espana. The afternoon is free for shopping or any independent activity.

7th Day: Madrid—Full day at leisure in Madrid, the gayest European capital.

8th Day: Madrid/Granada—Morning departure for Granada via La Mancha, land of Don Quixote. After lunch at Valdepenas, continue to Granada, arrive in time for dinner at the hotel.

9th Day: Granada/Torremolinos—In the morning visit the magnificent Alhambra with its beautiful gardens. Afternoon departure for Torremolinos. Drive via the historic city of Malaga and continue along the Costa del Sol to Torremolinos.

10th Day: Torremolinos—Day at leisure. Enjoy sun, fun and bathing at Europe's fastest-growing beach resort.

11th Day: Torremolinos/Seville—Morning drive along the Mediterranean coast via

coastal resorts of Marbella and Algeciras to Puerto de Santa Maria for lunch. The Rock of Gibraltar dominates the country with its stark beauty. After lunch proceed to Jerez de la Frontera. (Visit a local wine processing plant and cellar.) Continue via the Guadalquivir Valley to Seville, capital of Andalusia, in time for dinner.

12th Day: Seville—Morning sightseeing includes visits to the Giralda Tower, the Alcazar, the impressive Cathedral, the narrow streets of the famous Santa Cruz Quarter, and the beautiful gardens of Maria Luisa Park. Afternoon at leisure for your own activities.

13th Day: Seville/Evora—Morning departure from Seville and Spain to return to Portugal. Stopover at Elvas for lunch, then to Evora, former seat of royal court and once the cultural center of Portugal.

14th Day: Evora/Lisbon—Morning walking tour of Evora. In early afternoon commence your return to Lisbon. Your journey will take you via Sesimbra and then on to newly constructed Salazar Bridge across Tagus River. Arrive Lisbon in time for dinner.

15th Day: Lisbon/New York—Morning is free for last-minute shopping or sightseeing in the Portuguese capital. Transfer to the airport in mid-afternoon for seven-hour flight by SWISSAIR or TAP Portuguese Airways jet to America, arriving in New York late afternoon. (Lunch served on board.)

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