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Our thanks to the following girls who helped out on the Bingo at the V.A. in November: Barbara Palmer, Diane and Gwen Grasser, Zen Campbell, Lucille Cole, Lenore and May Smith, Wanda and Barbara Whitney, Joan Stowers, Grace Viele and Betty Worden.

Also thanks to the gals who were at the polling places on Election night getting the results for WRGB. They were: Noreen Cooke, Eleanor Blendell, Diane Grasser, Barbara Palmer, Barbara Selig and Barbara Whitney.

Tuesday night, Dec. 19, is the time of our Auxiliary Christmas Party. The dinner is being prepared and served by the women from Kaa Rheu Vahn Caldron.

WANTED: 41 members that have not yet paid their dues. This is all we need to have quota by the December meeting. If you are one of these, won't you please get your dues into Marcia Turner right away. We need you!

Our Department President's project this year is to provide two pieces of equipment for the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse to aid children afflicted with heart disease. It is through the contributions from each unit throughout the state that each year the American Legion Auxiliary is able to help children less fortunate than others.

Our sympathy this month goes to Kathy Buker, Madelyn Lawlor and Bernice Lawson. Also Hattie Henry has been hospitalized.

To each and everyone of you goes our wish for a joyous holiday season. My gift to you for now and the coming year is best expressed by the following poem by Isabelle Shannon.

A SMILE

A smile's a little something
 You can always give away
 Won't flatten out your wallet
 Or effect your weekly pay!

It will sort of lift your spirits
 And perhaps a tear drop hide
 If it makes another happy
 You'll feel warm and good inside!

What's a trinket or a bauble
 That will only last awhile?
 It won't cost you one red penny
 To give a passerby a smile.

So—keep on giving smiles away
 In sunshine or in rain.
 What you cast upon the waters
 Will return to you again.

ANNUAL CALENDAR

Jan. 26 German Night Dinner Dance
 Feb. 2 Indoor Sports Day
 Feb. 16 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
 Mar. 16 St. Patrick's Day Din/Dan
 Mar. 24 Back-to-God Breakfast
 Apr. 6 Blanchard Night Dinner Dance
 Apr. 20 Welcome Spring Dinner Dance
 May 19 Memorial Day Church Service
 May 24 Installation of Officers
 May 27 Memorial Day Parade

Congratulations

As of November 5, we will have two Legionnaires who will be Sergeant-at-Arms. They are Art Blanchard and Bob Schenk. Congratulations!

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Ed Starkweather is Senior Vice Commander who, believe it or not, hails from the Albany area. Ed was born in Albany 39 years ago; he attended P.S. 16 and Milne H.S. and is a graduate of Siena College (he must of helped clear the land of Indians). Mr. Ed was a flying officer in the U.S. Air Force during the "big war." Ed loves flying, fact is every once in a while on a Friday night Ed flies kind of high—only kidding, Ed.

Ed and Pat, his wife, live at 4 Flint Drive in Delmar. From what I hear Ed was an officer of the Post years ago. He is currently doing one heck of a job in his present position. The results of his efforts was shown in the high degree of success he had with the recent 20 Week dinner dance. Good luck, Ed, on the remainder of your term. *Ed. Staff*

A Winner

"Augustino Willamenti" was the lucky recipient of the green on the Nov. 20 Week drawing. Did I spell it OK, Gus.

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Some of the members "soaking up" the music at one of the Post affairs. Wonder what Ken is so serious about.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec. 8 Tinsel Ball Dinner Dance
- Dec. 16 Egg Nog Party
- Dec. 22 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party

Regular monthly meetings every first and third Monday at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Directors meeting last Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Lucky

George Ten Eyck knocked them dead on the Nov. 2 Club drawing. He was the lucky winner.

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The 20 Week Club dinner dance was a wing-dinger from all reports, good dinner, good music, and a large turnout—who didn't want to leave, so they kept the Old Wazzoo Goodtime Band for one more hour. The next 20 Week is in the making so get aboard and get your book—take part and be eligible for the next 20 Week dinner in April. • Prost and cheers to all workers on Luau Night. A lot of hard work by the entire committee. Everyone who has had an enjoyable night at any of our affairs either on the Post or community level must realize that the same people are tapped over and over again, so why not join in the spirit and leave your name to work one affair at least one time each year. It would require about four hours time. If enough members signed up, we would save the old reliable workers from being worked into the ground, plus having the satisfaction of knowing you really are a participating member of the Post. There are numerous dates coming up, such as the Tinsel Ball, Children's Christmas Party, New Year's Eve Party, German Night, Indoor Sports Day, Ice Skating Party, etc., etc. As you can see the Post can use your help. If you don't think you have time—*make time*. Sign up to help and I guarantee you will have a good time. • We sure have an active group taking part in our Friday night dancing classes. Not only is this group showing results of their "training," they are also enjoying the spirit of participation in a group and they seem to be having a heck of a lot of fun. If you wish to join this fun dance group, just be at the Post on Friday at 8 p.m. sharp. The fee is \$1.50 per person and that, my friend, is a real bargain. • Joe and Betty Pellitier celebrated their 15th anniversary at the Post Rooms with a party of friends. • John Ennis has done a fine job getting the exterior of the building shaped up with

new shrubs, fencing and paint, etc. • The basket of fall decorative gathering, we can thank Lottie Van Dyck, so here goes—thanks Lottie. • Shades of yesterday was enjoyed by many Legionnaires as "The Little Baker" Henry Engle (Delmar baker), baked at the Post—brandied mince pies and pumpkin pies and apple kuchen. The purchasers of these pies and cakes were in for a big treat. • We got word from Shea Stadium that John Hanrahan somehow ended up with a piece of turf for his trophy room. • The final Mets vs. Reds playoff game saw Phil Giacone Sr., Joe Romano, Eddi Yanni and Frank Maio giving up their time along with many others in partaking in the preparation of Italian Night. • And Charles McGurty kicked off a snapper of a luau with the fine food; decorations were by those imaginative Erlichmans and Shermans. They do a fine job, don't they? We hope many luaus will follow. • Jim and Gert Cleary are about the most avid of Met fans now that Houck is gone. • Ray Bender had a tussle with the hospital parade, but is well on the mend now. • Our hep bartender John Vogel is a new resident (as of December) to the Town of Bethlehem. • Dues are coming in great, and if the few stragglers would cough up Ed Korp would be all smiles. • Hamburger Friday night fryers included the Ollie Palmers, Jack

Seligs, Charles Schaefer, Bob Elzies, Joe Pellitiers. We're still looking for more fryers, so come on and sign up and join in the fun. • Florida-based George Laird has a few sasparillas and about once a month calls, generally with an opening like "I just called to see who's at the bar." George, when the picture phones come in you're a dead duck with those long white tresses. Is it true George that you still wear a Jack Armstrong button on your pajamas? • Penny Nelson is back in good health, and a pleasure to have around. • Clyde tells of Nancy and Stan Brooks being neck and neck on the bowling lanes. • Mary Callagan told some to cut down on the quantity of water in her drinks as it makes her hit the tinkle shop. • Milt and Marion Andre are all agog with their new boxer pup. Good luck with her. • Well, it's wrap up time so have a Merry Ho Ho Ho and a Happy New Year from Clyde and Santa.

Clyde

HELP!

We are still on the lookout for new talent to help out on Friday nights and to assist on party nights. Come on, sign up as a helper. We need you. After all, as a member you should be more than willing to help out. Come on—will you!

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Air Force	874	2421	26	19	11	23219
Sea Bees	856	2448	24	18	12	22817
Navy	854	2386	21	16	14	22951
Army	911	2413	20	14	16	22801
Coast Guard	884	2366	18	14	16	22772
Infantry	845	2352	18	13	17	22594
Tanks	883	2339	17	13	17	22400
Marines	833	2328	16	12	18	22230

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A			Class B		
G. Roach	30	172	Cummings Jr.	27	150
Havill	27	171	Johnston	27	149
Korp	30	168	Eagan	27	149
Larkin	24	166	Vail	30	148
Berry	30	165	Brady	30	147
Tangora	30	164	Dybas	24	147
Aupperle	27	164	Feiden	21	146
Lantz	24	163	Beckmann	24	143
Bender	18	161	Campbell	30	142
Oates	21	161	Mosmen	24	141
Whitney	27	161	Cole	27	140
Andre	30	160	Pugliese	27	140
Mitchell	30	160	Volk	27	140
D. Roach	27	160	Haker	27	135
Foy	30	159	Burns	30	134
Palmer	27	159	Buker	21	128
Marino	30	155	Alwell	30	127
Ristau	24	155	Butman	30	127
Cummings Sr.	21	154	Monette	27	125
Pauquette	24	151	Stowers	27	118

THE EXTRA FRAME

... AND where were you 8 years ago when the lights went out? ... 'n ask Bill ALWELL to tell you about a couple of funnies that happened Nov. 6! ... A big "right on" to the B.C.H.S. soccer team. ... and if you can name 3 of the Hudson River Day Liners you don't need an ID card when visiting the local Grog Parlor. ... Good to see our pal Ray BENDER back in action after a bout with Slugger Medico (Ray says that it's the first days work he has missed in over 25 years. Man, that's a record!) ... Things I'd have to see to believe: Rollie WHITNEY getting tired and running out of steam. ... and if you notice Helen and John HAKER with a wee trace of French accent, it's because they're still living that swell trip that they had to Quebec. ... 'n wasn't it good to see our pals Eleanor and Ed BLENDELL down at the Post the other Fri-nite. ... and certainly a pleasant gent to see is Joe Pelletier with his associates. ... I'm telling you one and all that Gert and Jim CLEARY get younger looking every day! ... and big

congrats to Mr. and Mrs. Joe MARINO, Hugh STOWERS, Hank RISTAU for knockin' the be-jabbers outta the 20-Wk. Klub! ... 'n I'll have to ask Betty and Will SCHRAA to clue me on the big-dosings in the line of scores on that nine o'clock league. (When did you guys ever let us start at 9 p.m. they ask.) ... and wouldn't you think Tanya MITCHELL or May SMITH would give me the scoop on that Sun-Nite League? ... and I believe Jack BRADY is going hi-hat since he joined the big-shot bowlers. ... How about the way Ken HAVILL is clobbering the pins this year? ... Our sympathy to Bernice LAWSON and family on their recent bereavement. Tom was a friend of long standing with many of us in the league. ... and a great addition to the Post was when Harve HASEN decided to leave Broome County and come up 'n join us! ... *The Blanchard Corner*: Congrats to Bill Sr. I know you don't need the loot, but you'll think of some way to use it. Congrats too, to brother Jim. Boy, what a great station wagon that is; and I hear that Artie is such a serious guy that when somebody told him to jump in the lake he took up scuba diving! Lil continues to be her calm, great self. (end of Blanchard Corner for this issue) ... Speaking of station wagons, that Will MITCHELL got a great one! (Better get two, Bill, for our trip to Cortland. One for Ed BOLLMAN and the other for the rest of us.) ... C'mon Rose FOY, get that rascal Thomas and get over to the Post for some dancing on a Friday nite. ... and I'll have to ask Ted SHERMAN who that glamour gal he was with at the Post the other Friday nite—the one who was wearing those tinted glasses—Freda, you say? (I knew it all along.) ... and a "Power-to-the-People" to Wally ER-LICHMAN for getting the Sea Cadet demonstration at our Post. What a great group! Wally and Roxie can sure be proud of son Jim—a good Sea Cadet! ... and where has our friend The Great Willie, The Silent One: Bill DONNOLLY that is, been of late? ... 'n they oughta have a round-robin among the NY Jets, NY Jints, Buffalo Bills and the great

METRO MALLERS for da Empire State Cham-PEEN-ship! ... Our sympathy to the family of our former league kegler Fred STAHLHUT—a great guy! ... 'n certainly a friend of Blanchard Post is Joe RICCI of the DT ... Blanchard Post certainly lost a good friend with the death of King RABINEAU. Our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Rabineau. ... and we have so many people who ask for little, but do so much for Blanchard like Mary and Ray CALLAGAN, Gwen and Fred GRASSER, Barbara and Jack SELIG, Ruth and Hank VOORHEES, and many others! ... What can compare with Blanchard Post? Nothing, baby—just nothing! Blanchard is where the action is. Till '74 ... *The Gutter Duster*

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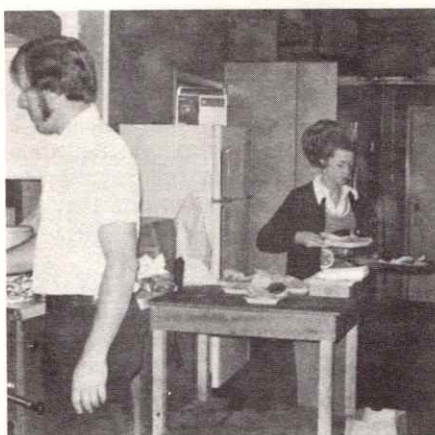
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Children's Christmas Party

Santa in all his glory will slide down the chimney of Blanchard Post on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 22 when the annual Christmas Party for the children of the Post members takes place.

Before Santa makes his appearance, bearing gifts for all, there will be entertainment headlined by Legionnaire Bob George, who will give an exhibition of magic guaranteed to amaze his viewers.

There will be carol singing and young people who would like to sing carols to the audience are encouraged to come to the "mike" singly or in small groups. An ice cream and cookie treat will conclude the afternoon for our guests. Parents are asked to pick up their children by 3:30.



Mr. and Mrs. John Vogel doing their chores as Friday night fryers. Atta boy, John!

Wunnerful, Wunnerful

Talk about a happy, jumping party—I tell you Ed Starkweather really knows how to do things right. His 20 Week party was the swingiest this Post has seen in many a day. Ed's choice of menu was excellent and his choice of music makers was out of this world. To all you Starkweather helpers, Ed. says thank you very, very much. To you many winners, Ed. says spend it in good health. To all you none-winners, Ed. says buy your new book for the next 20 Week Club—that's where the money is!

Sick Call

Legionnaires Bob Connelly and Jesse Turner are hospitalized. Bob is in Albany Medical and Jesse in the V.A. A cheery card or a visit if possible sure is appreciated by those so confined.

THANKS TO YOU

I think one of the reasons Italian Nite was a success was the fact that so many people were willing to give their time and efforts. As chairman of this affair, I wish to extend a hearty *Thank You* to all the fine people who helped make this night possible. A special thanks to Phil and Noreen Giacone and their young son (whose name I can't remember), also Bob Fraim, Mr. Ed Yanni, Nick di Angelo, Joe Romano, Red Kernahan (the coffee king), Mike Mele, Ed Costigan, Jim Blanchard, Rollie Whitney, Barbara Whitney (who was a tremendous help), Ray Callagan, Dick Dalton and his wife, Ruth, and the wine girls whose names I didn't get, Ollie Palmer and his crew—who did the cleaning up. If I overlooked anyone, please forgive me. Again, thank you all.

Italian Night Chmn.

From Goblins to Reindeer

After a full month of November activities, we get right off in December with the Tinsel Ball on the 8th. A fine steak dinner will be served with good music and seasonal decorations. On the 16th we will again celebrate our annual Egg Nog Party—a beautiful afternoon to share tidings with your fellow Legionnaires and their families. On the 22nd Santa will make his visit to the children's party. This full scheduled month will be climaxed with a blast on New Year's Eve—dancing and midnight breakfast to ring in the new year. Man, what a month. Plan now to attend these affairs.

Taps

We mourn the passing of our departed comrade, Thomas H. Lawson. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his widow, Bernice, who is an Auxiliary member and other members of his family.

Izzatso

On Dec. 19, 1959, Walter Williams, the last surviving Confederate veteran, died at the age of 117.

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ALOHA—FAREWELL

Another International Nite—this time a Hawaiian Luau—was enjoyed by the Legionnaires and their guests on Saturday, Nov. 17. This was a first for the Post and if the members voice approval it possibly will be repeated next year.

The beautiful Hawaiian atmosphere was achieved by the decorating committee headed by the very talented Wally Erlichman and his helpers, Roxie, Jim and Joe Erlichman, Ted and Freda Sherman, Warren and Ronnie Moessner and Bob and Gloria Broome. The work they did changed our hall into a veritable South Sea island!

The head chef was Charlie McGourty. His kitchen aides were Ted and Rose Ann Lowry, Barbara and Rolly Whitney, Jack and Della Brady and Lou Legler. Waiters were Dick and Ellen O'Connell, Ed and Gay Rukwid, Art and Celeste Blanchard and Roy Moak.

The above people gave unselfishly of their time and talent to bring about this most enjoyable evening. I, and I know those who attended this affair, give them a verbal "standing ovation."

Sid Kaplan, Chmn.

County Meeting

The next Albany County American Legion meeting will be at Blanchard on December 27 at 8 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS October 15, 1973

Regular meeting of the Post opened by Cmdr. Atwood; 26 members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted on motion by Bob Schenk.

Cmdr. Atwood made meeting as brief as possible with the following reports:

1. Ollie Palmer — Activities, thanked Bill Campion on the fine job that was done on Sports Day. He also commented on up-coming Italian Night and the 20-Week Club Dinner.

2. Bob Rosenfield commented on Friday night food detail in which everything is going well.

3. Ed Korp reported on membership in which he said the notices were sent out and many were already in.

4. Sid Kaplan gave a brief report on the up-coming Hawaiian Night.

5. Hugh Stowers gave sick calls report.

John A. Vogel, Adjutant

SPORTS DINNER

On December 28, Blanchard Post will have a holiday sports dinner to honor the Post Baseball Team. The affair is open to the public. Members who wish to buy tickets should get in touch with Ernie Gall, or check with the Activities Chairman, Ollie Palmer. SUPPORT the Post team and BUY a ticket. It will make you feel good!

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