



Ten Forty Times



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CHARTER members & Old Timers of Blanchard Post will celebrate their day of remembrance on March 16. The date marks the 40th. Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion. The occasion joins with the Post's regular mid-monthly meeting at the Post Hall and "young-timers" are invited to join in the festivities. Before the refreshments an added treat to the program is NBC news commentator Bill Hartigan with Bob Keating, Albany Times Union reporter, narrating their experiences with the U. S. Navy's recent "Operations Deep Freeze" at the South Pole. Commander LENSETH appointed OTTO De HEUS chairman for the event.

SUNDAY (March 1) marks "Go-to-Church Sunday" for Blanchard Post. After you have attended the services of your Faith you are invited to attend a 9:30 A.M. breakfast at the Post Hall. The meal will be followed by a talk by Father Paul J. Bondi. For tickets, call Chairman GEORGE BUTMAN or Commander DICK LENSETH.

LILT of Irish laughter will be aired at the Post Hall on Saturday, March 14 to mark St. Patrick's Day. Commander LENSETH named MIKE NORTON Erin Chieftain for the evening. The chief promises happy Irish hours of music, merriment and refreshments. The bar is prepared to serve a special blend of Irish Whiskey. You don't have to be Irish to attend. (Shillalabs must be checked outside the hall).

ANNAPOLIS Navy Academy stands to gain an outstanding Bethlehem student and athlete in the person of Dean Brooks Allen. Blanchard members at the February 2 meeting voted the endorsement of Dean's recommendation for a midshipman's appointment. Adjutant FRED VOGEL has forwarded the approval to U. S. Senators Javits and Keating and Rep. Leo O'Brien for their sponsoring action.

REPAIRS to the men's room being made by Manhattan Tile Company for \$410. New coat racks soon to be in bar-room for convenience of members and guests. Kitchen to be equipped with fan over stove. These improvements under direction of House Chairman BILL JOHNSTON and his committee.

BOWLING League will sponsor a dance & buffet at the Post Hall on Saturday, March 21. Band music to be played between ten p.m. and one a.m. Arrangements being made by WALTER BERRY of the Bowling Committee.

BASEBALL Boosters for Albany County American Legion Jr. Baseball are urged to help in the campaign for Blanchard's quota of \$200. Tickets for the purpose are available at the Post. Booster donations are 25¢ and five for \$1. Your contribution may bring you a portable TV or Hi-Fi or Transistor Radio or \$25 Savings Bond and will more importantly be your means to help the youth of the Community.

SICK CALL: Charles Joyce and Bob Carpenter.

MARCH dates to remember: Regular meetings on 2nd. and 16th; Executive Committee on the 9th. As an active Legionnaire you owe it to yourself to attend these functions and express yourself on Legion activities.

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PATRIOTISM is on the March Forward in Bethlehem. It's in the pace of Blanchard Post's "Project 49 Stars" which is rapidly advancing. The goal is to have the American Flag abundantly displayed every holiday in our town.

An arrangement made with a national flag manufacturer enables our Post to purchase a kit containing the 49-stars Flag, 3'0 x 5'0 with a 6-foot pole, ball top, lanyard and metal bracket for attachment at a window or porch. It sells to the public for \$4 complete. The kit has the approval of the Post's Executive Committee. Better quality kits are available at higher prices - also outfits for lawn and sidewalk.

Blanchard Post seeks to have every home in Bethlehem equipped with the new 49-Star Flag by July 4, the day upon which it may be officially flown for the first time. To do this Commander LENSETH asks for the help of every member of the Post. Your aid can be counted on if you will fill out following form and get it to the Post's Flag Committee:

I, _____ (name) _____ (address) _____
_____ (address) _____ (phone) _____ am willing to serve on the
Committee for "Project 49 Stars". Place my order for _____ (number)
Flag Kits #51 to be furnished to attached address(es). Payment at
\$4.00 per kit (a) is enclosed, or (b) will be made upon delivery.
(Cross out a or b as applicable.)