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B.C.H.S. SENIOR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE BLANCHARD SAFETY MESSAGE

Another in the series of highway safety programs presented by the Post takes place at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 9th for the benefit of the students at Bethlehem Central Senior High School.

Post Comdr. Woehrle announced that this program has been arranged by Blanchard Legionnaires Al Greenwood and Virgil Tompkins. Mr. Tompkins is B.C.H.S. Senior High School Principal. Mr. Greenwood, a past Post Commander helped form the Post's Highway Safety Committee last May.

Highlight of the High School event will be the appearance before an assembly of the student body of Gene Hartley, one of America's top-ranked auto race drivers. Mr. Hartley represents Champion Spark Plug Co., which as been cited with a public service award by the National Safety Council for its promotion of highway safety measures. The appearance of Mr. Hartley at B.C.H.S. marks his initial stop in this community. In the past six years the safety message which he and his associates are offering has been heard by two million students. Nearly every state in the Nation has had a community which served as the sounding board in the effort to reduce highway accidents among youthful drivers.

In announcing the program for the Highway Safety Committee, Comdr. Al Woehrle stated: "We Legionnaires of Blanchard Post can be proud of the work of our Highway Safety Program. It was born as the result of tragedy in our town. Since its inception the Highway Safety Committee has worked diligently—first with stressing before groups of parents the high cost of highway accidents and now by impressing the youth of the community with the importance of highway safety. Bringing Gene Hartley here to deliver his message of safer motoring will add considerably to the creditable work of Al Greenwood and his Safety Committee. The young people of our community will, I am confident, gain much knowledge from the talk that Mr. Hartley will present."

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Taps

The January 2 meeting was adjourned with a moment of silent reverence in respectful memory of Dr. Robert MacDowell.

ICE-TIME AGAIN

Several clearings and much use of the Von Ronne ice-skating pond, sponsored by Blanchard Post, has it in readiness for the annual Ice Carnival. For this year, Comdr. Al Woehrle has named Ed Starkweather chairman for the event. The Carnival gets underway at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 10 (weather permitting). While the pond is available for everyone's use, the Carnival will be for the children for whom there will be ice-skating races for prizes and refreshments which will consist of hot dogs and hot chocolate. It is expected that this year's event will out-number last year which had a couple of hundred participants.

On his committee for the occasion, Ed Starkweather has George Butman, Al Davis, Rodger Fryer, Al Greenwood, Given Hynds, Clarence Lephart, Warren Moessner, Art Quinn, Charles O'Hara, Joe Von Ronne, and Hank Voorhees.

For getting the ice-rink in readiness, thanks are due to Hank Voorhees and those who answered his call for help on it: Dick Lenseth, John DeMallie, Dick Dalton and several others whose names missed this report.

Highest thanks, of course, go to past Comdr. Joe Von Ronne for the use of his land in this outstanding community activity.

Any other Post members who feel inclined to assist at the Ice Carnival should get in touch with Ed Starkweather—or just come over to the Pond, at the end of Gardiner Terrace, Delmar, and help out. For those who have them, it would be a good public appearance to wear the American Legion cap.

10-YARD LINE Goal to Go-Go-Go!

The trail blazed last year by Pat Igoe has been nearly covered this year by our current Membership Chairman, Vice Comdr. Rodger Fryer. With more than 600 members signed up we need to meet the 670-signed-up quota by February 15 to earn a special citation from the Department of New York and National American Legion Commanders.

Comdr. Al Woehrle joins with Rodger in making an earnest appeal to every Blanchard Legionnaire to do his or her part to sign up the 60 plus memberships to reach the goal.

COMING EVENTS

SAT., FEB. 3—Annual Indoor Sports Party; afternoon hour to be set.

MON., FEB. 5—Regular Post Meeting; general business session at 8:30 p.m.; refreshments to follow.

SAT., FEB. 10—Blanchard Post's Ice Carnival at Von Ronne Pond for the children. The time: 1:00 p.m.

MON., FEB. 12—Lincoln's Birthday. Fly the American Flag. Post Affairs Committee meets at 8:30 p.m.

MON., FEB. 19—Mid-monthly regular Post Meeting; induction of new members; Boy Scout Charter Night, 8:30.

THURS., FEB. 22—Washington's Birthday. Fly the American Flag; County Legion meets.

MON., FEB. 26—Board of Directors to meet at 8:00 p.m.

SAT., MAR. 3—Mardi Gras Party.

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INDOOR SPORTS PARTY

Blanchard Post will be host to the Indoor Sports Club members on Saturday afternoon, February 3.

Past Comdr. Given Hynds is chairman for the occasion. He will be assisted by Vice Comdr. Rodger Fryer, Walter Waterbury, who is arranging for transportation of our guests and Mrs. Noreen Cooke who, with other ladies from the Auxiliary will take care of refreshments. Through the president of the Indoor Sports, it is expected that we will have 25 of the Sports visiting the Post. Some will be accompanied by the "Good Sports", those who have the full responsibility of caring for the needs of the Sports. The program tentatively calls for entertainment, refreshments and perhaps photographs of some of our guests who might want them.

For those new to the Post, Indoor Sports is an American Legion activity promoted in the interest of bringing cheer to those in our community who are confined to their homes because of invalidness, blindness and other physical incapacities.

Anyone of our members wishing to help in this activity are urged to contact Given Hynds, through the Post, or at his home.

Wedding Bells

On Saturday, January 20, Bert Kohinke and Eva P. Forster were married at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Albany. Best man was Otto de Heus. A southern motor trip was the route for the honeymooners.

HAVE YOU RECRUITED ANY NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR POST?

BLANCHARD POSTPhone: **HEmlock 9-9819**

Commander: Alexander J. Woehrle

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Membership Chairman
HE 9-1788George Feiden,
Activities ChairmanCharles Wiley, Service &
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CHRIS' CORNER

Next meeting date is Tuesday, February 20, and will be a dinner party to celebrate the 31st birthday of the Auxiliary. Chairman Ann de Heus has planned a roast fresh ham dinner and all the fixings at \$2.60. Time: cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 — to be held at the Post Rooms, with Mrs. Darbecker catering. Ann has named the following committee: Co-chairman, Helen Quinn; Committee on the Dining Room, Chris Barkhuff, Lee Hurley, Tootie Flint, Anne Carroll; Committee on Decorations, Helen Kemnitzer, Grace Von Ronne, Kay Mosmen, Peg Butman, Mary Greenwood; Committee on Reservations, Mabel McCredie (HE 9-1149), Anita Schaming (HE 9-5428), Esther Cooke (HE 9-1193); Entertainment, Norrine Cooke; Publicity, Frances Hynds. Post Commander Alexander J. Woehrle will be a guest of the Auxiliary at this dinner.

Past Presidents will be introduced at this dinner, including: Winifred Butler, Helen Piper, Maud Hafley, Estella Prue, Ruth Dickinson, Ann de Heus, Hattie Henry, Chris Barkhuff, Lucille Williams, Katherine Wiley, Lee Hurley, Anita Schaming, Kay Mosmen, Charlotte Johnston, Norrine Cooke, Ruth Dalton, Jerry Klett, Frances Hynds, Ruth Jorgensen, and Esther Cooke.

Hope to see you on the 20th.

Saturday, February 3, the Legion will entertain the Indoor Sports Club, and the Auxiliary, under the direction of Norrine Cooke, will prepare and serve a hot meal.

Mollie Cassidy is selling candy at \$1.00 and \$1.50 as a fund-raising project for the Unit, and you'd be doing a good turn, as well as enjoying a real taste treat, if you will phone her at HE 9-3591 and order a pound. There are several choices of kinds, and is packed in a flavor- and freshness-preserving tin.

President Chris and Blanchard members Ann de Heus, Ethel Scheiberling, Harriet McGuirk, Esther Cooke and Ruth Jorgensen attended a dinner at Jack's Restaurant on Thursday, January 18, honoring our Department President, Mrs. Agnes Boland and reported it was a lovely party. Maud Hafley, as a past Department President, was a guest of the County.

At the January meeting, several committee chairmen made requests: Norrine Cooke for dues; June Wilcox for coupons. Because our County quota for membership was raised, Norrine is working especially hard toward a Unit citation and she would appreciate any help you could give — by sending that check you've been meaning to, or signing up a new member.

Spring card party is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, and we mention this at such an early date since Chairman Marge Igoe and Co-Chairman June Wilcox are asking members to donate trading stamps (Triple-S, Plaid, S&H, TV, etc.) toward door prizes. Please help if you can.

WELCOME, LEGIONNAIRES

Vice Comdr. and Membership Chairman Fryer reports the following list of new members which brings our membership roll past the 600 mark. For bringing them into the Legion and to our Post, a salute is due the sponsors of these new members. The sponsor is in parenthesis:

Virgil Tompkins, Frank Lehner, and William Fraser (Al Woehrle); John Blendell (Dick Dalton); Earle Ribero (Ed Starkweather); George Chesbro (Charles O'Hara); Richard Benjamin (Ken Jopp); Raymond Barber Jr. (Bob Ballantine); Walter Wright, Jr. (Art Quinn); William E. Zimmerman (Rodger Fryer); Walter Kamm (Bill Johnston); Richard Dale (Harold Barkhuff); Richard Weldon (Wes Thurlow); and Joseph Pelletier (Bill Segur).

These new members are urged to attend the February 19th meeting for swearing-in ceremonies.

Searchers Thanked

Town Supervisor Bert Kohinke, who was the Post's first post-World War II Commander, sends us this message: "I wish to thank...all of the members (of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040) for the fine support that was given... January 10, in joining the search for Thomas Schrade.

"It certainly was a wonderful demonstration of cooperation and community spirit. This is the kind of friendliness and neighborliness that continues to make our Town of Bethlehem such a fine place in which to reside."

"E" for Energy

Some recent improvements at the Post include refurbishing of the platform in our meeting room, for which thanks go to Bud Mosmen; a new floor in the ladies room, for which we thank Dick Lenseth and Bill Segur; and alterations in the bar area which was accomplished by Charlie Wiley and Dick Lenseth.

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SCOUT CHARTER

Blanchard Post's Scout Troop gets its Charter renewed at the mid-monthly Post meeting on February 19 at 8:30 p.m.

This is an annual function that has for many years been arranged by past Commander Harold Williams ('49-'49). A recent serious operation prevents Harold from performing his duties this year. In his stead Lawrence McArthur, long active in Boy Scout activities, will serve as chairman for the occasion. The Charter will be presented to Scoutmaster Russell E. Johnson.

It is planned that the Charter presentation will be followed by a brief program of Scouting accomplishments after which the Post will show, for the benefit of its Troop's young lads, the film about the American Flag. Refreshments to follow.

Expected to attend the meeting with the Boy Scouts are the fathers of those Scouts who can attend. It would be very inspiring to the Boy Scouts to see a good turn-out of Legionnaires. You are urged to do your part in bringing about this inspiration.

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Mardi Gras

Vice Comdr. and Activities Chairman George Feiden has set March 3 for the Mardi Gras Party. Named chairman for the event is Charles Redmond who will be assisted by Bill McGoey and Maury Otis. Music for the occasion will be under the direction of Marvin Hirschburg. Dance hours are 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

If the pattern of the past is followed the admission to the Mardi Gras will be costume. The uncostumed will be subject to a \$1.00-a-head charge. There will be prizes for the costumes to be selected by yet-to-be-named judges.

Chairman Redmond says "Let's see you at the Mardi Gras!"

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"A" for Americanism

For those who haven't looked at the Post bulletin board recently, there is now posted on it the Americanism Citation from the National Legion Headquarters for Blanchard Post's work of last year. For bringing this honor to our Post, congratulations go to past Commander, Given Hynds, and Americanism Chairman, Bill Johnston.

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