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## BLOODMOBILE TO BE HERE

With nearly a hundred commitments from Post members to donate their blood, Warren Moessner, Chairman of the Post's Blood Bank has high hopes of a successful blood-fund campaign when the Bender Laboratory Bloodmobile comes to Blanchard Post on Wednesday, February 9.

"With Valentine Day this month it is appropriate that we have our blood-donor program scheduled for near that date", says Chairman Moessner. "Their is no better way to show you have a heart than to give some of your blood to the Post's Blood Bank."

To secure this large number of prospective donors Warren had the help of a score of Post members. They personally canvassed every available Post member to determine whether or not they could and would donate their blood. "The response is very gratifying" Moessner said.

The arrival of the Bloodmobile is set for 5 p.m. We are told as many donors as appear will be processed. Within a few hours it is expected the work of the Bloodmobile's technicians will be completed. Chairman Moessner will have a committee to do the paper-work and other administrative duties. The other details include the buffet supper, traffic

control, arranging cots and furniture in the Post Meeting Room.

### Refreshments

A requirement for blood donors is that they take no food for four hours. As a token of appreciation the blood-donor volunteers will be entitled to a buffet supper at the Post. Arranging for this part of the program is Sgt.-at-Arms Hugh Stowers. It is planned to give a "BDV" (Blood-donor Volunteer) ticket to each person processed as a blood donor. The Bender technicians may find cause not to accept the donors blood. The volunteer still gets a buffet supper and as an added treat, a shot of brandy will be offered to each donor and volunteer.

### Eligible Donors

Questions have been raised about other than Blanchard Legionnaires donating to this blood bank. Any individual, 21 to 60, whether or not a member of Blanchard Post is eligible to donate. However, non-members of the Post must clearly know that they cannot secure blood from the Post bank unless they are immediate members of a Post member's family. Persons between 18 and 21 with a written consent of parent or guardian may be a blood donor.

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## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Feb. 5 — Indoor Sports annual party 1 p.m. at Post hall.

MONDAY, Feb. 7 — Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9 — Bloodmobile at Blanchard Post, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Buffet supper for Blood Donors.

SATURDAY, Feb. 12 — Lincoln's Birthday, a holiday to fly the National Colors from your home or place of business.

SATURDAY, Feb. 19 — Annual Mardi Gras dance at Post, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 21 — Mid-monthly Post meeting.

TUESDAY, Feb. 22 — Flag Committee Chairman George Reeber reminds everyone to display the American Flag on this holiday.

THURSDAY, Feb. 24 — County Legion meets at Colonie Post, Osborne and Shaker Roads, Colonie, at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 28 — Board of Directors meet at the Post, 8 p.m.

## INDOOR SPORTS

Again Blanchard Post makes its mark by doing its part in the American Legion's program for the Indoor Sports.

This notable annual event finds us playing host to a group of people who for various afflictions are confined to their homes. These "shut-ins" have been made members of Indoor Sports which by arrangement with the American Legion serves as an outlet for them to have entertainment at a party such as Blanchard will have for them on Saturday afternoon, February 5. Mike Norton, who in the past has been an outstanding chairman for this fund has again been assigned by Commander Costigan to this event. Last year Mike and Blanchard Post received a citation for this work.

Chairman Norton is rounding out a program of entertainment for the guests. Members of the Blanchard Auxiliary will attend to the refreshments. As in prior years Mike's biggest need will be for volunteer drivers to be at the Post at 1 p.m. to go to the homes of our guests and transport them to the Post and take them home again when the party closes at 4 p.m.

## February 19: Mardi Gras

Vice-Commander and Activities Chairman Sid Kaplan announces the annual Mardi Gras party takes place the third Saturday of this month.

Chairman for the Mardi Gras is Charles Redmond who has been responsible for the colorful and successful past few annual Mardi Gras dances. The music will be from Marv Hirschburg and his musicians. Dancing commences at 9:30. The costume parade, highlight of the evening, occurs at midnight. Chairman Redmond calls on the party-goers to outdo themselves this year in their costuming. There will be prizes galore. As in the past, those attending the ball in costumes are admitted gratis. For the un-costumed there will be a "fine".

## 83.5%

For those impressed by percent this figure should look good. It is good. It reflects how close Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Merwyn Atwood has brought Blanchard Post to its quota.

At the mid-January meeting Merwyn reported 613 members of which 22 are new. We need 122 to meet the 735 assigned our Post by the County Membership chairman. From the list of un-paid members, Chairman Atwood believes a substantial number will continue their membership. He is also hopeful new members will be brought into the American Legion through our Post. That is an aim for all American Legionnaires. As a Legionnaire you should do your part to achieve this aim.

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**Auxiliary President's Corner**

Lollipops and Roses — That is the theme of our 35th Birthday Party to be held in the Post Rooms, Tuesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. In 1931, our Auxiliary was founded. Do you remember? Well, this is the night for remembering and rejoicing together, honoring Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Unit #1040 — past and present.

President, Betty Costigan has announced that the honored guest will be the Commander of Blanchard Post #1040, Edward J. Costigan. It is not unusual to have the commander for our guest but it will be uncommon due to the rare circumstance of having a husband and wife team in office.

Ann Carroll has been appointed General Chairman of the event. Henrietta Ballo and Claire Colonna, Decorations and Entertainment; Helen Quinn, Dining Room; Shirley Kirk and Helen Reynolds, Reservations.

Tuesday, February 15, 1966 — Please mark this date on your calendar now, and let us have a real Birthday celebration together. Reservations can be made by calling Shirley Kirk (439-5700) or Helen Reynolds (439-2869). When you are contacted, say yes, and come and join in the celebration.

Looking back to December and the raffle that we held, we would like to report that it was a tremendous success and for those who did not know who the winners were, they were: Betty Hart of Glenmont, first prize and William Haas of Delmar, second prize. Our Chairman for this endeavor, Ruth Dalton, would like to thank the following members who worked for her the night of the Egg Nog party: Leah Hurley, Helen Reynolds, Esther Cooke, Irene White, Mary Kaplan, Kay Tynan, Peg Lilly and Mary Connors.

I am sure that anyone who wasn't at the December meeting will be interested to know that Maude Hafley reported that for Gift Shop our Unit purchased 113 gifts for the Veterans at the hospital.

Betty Costigan has announced that Helen Reynolds has been appointed our Community Service chairman. On the night of January 14 she was immediately put to work to organize a committee to work at the Junior High at the movie proctoring the children. Her committee for the night consisted of: Betty Costigan, Norrine Cooke, June Wilcox, Zenith Campbell and, of course, herself.

At our meeting on January 18, Norrine Cooke, our Americanism chairman, presented a very impressive Flag program for which we would like to express our appreciation. The refreshment committee for this meeting was Ruth Dalton and Kay Tynan.

In case you didn't recognize all those lovely frauleins that were waiting table at the Post's German Night dinner, we want to thank each and every one of them on behalf of the Auxil-

iary. They were: Helen Quinn, Peg Lilly, Helen Deitz, Vi Knapp, Cozze' Drury, Maude Hafley, Kitty Williams, Esther Cooke, Viola Simpson, Gloria Broom and Shirley Kirk.

Betty Costigan and Maude Hafley represented Blanchard at a dinner honoring Mrs. William Peabody, our Department President, on Monday, January 31 at the Ambassador Restaurant.

One of our members, Helen Deitz, has just returned from the hospital and we are happy to hear that she is recovering nicely.

Due to her husband's transfer to Washington, we are sorry to say that we are losing our Junior Past President, Irene White. The Auxiliary would like to thank Irene again for her devotion to our Unit and the hard work and worry that were involved during her year as President. We will miss her and hope to hear from her regularly.

We were sad to hear that at Christmas time of the passing of Sally Passenger, of Fort Orange, who was Albany County Sergeant-at-Arms.

A final reminder — keep the evening of February 15 open to attend the Birthday party. All old and new members should be present to make this a truly memorable celebration.

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**Blanchard on Film**

A film presentation of a good part of the history of Blanchard Post was shown at the mid-January meeting. The film is the work of Past Post and County Commander Earl McGuirk who has retired from a long and impressive career of making movies. Anyone interested in a private showing of the film should contact Earl.

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Team Captain	Points
Guppies: George Mayers .....	37½
Piranhas: Chet Becker .....	36½
Smelts: George Butman .....	35
Flounders: Bob Strickland .....	34
Bullheads: Stan Klett .....	34
Barracudas: Gus Franze .....	30
Perches: Bill Mitchell .....	26
Muskies: Gifford Lantz .....	24

The leaders for the men are: Dick Roth with the high average of 167; Dick Roth with the high triple of 592 and Howard Lockhart with the high single of 234.

Leading the women are: Grace Franze with the high average of 143; Betty Brandon with the high triple of 487 and high single of 200.

For their fine Christmas Party all the Anglers bowlers had praise for the party committee, Mary Lockhart, Belle Mayers, Irene Roth and Leigh Ballentine. For his role as "Ho-Ho-Ho" Santa Claus, Bill Fuller was deserving of a special bouquet.

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### Two Banks

Chairman Moessner reminds any eligible blood donor unable to make the February 9th program can make a date at either the Bender Lab in Albany or at Albany Medical Center Hospital where the Post also maintains a blood bank account. Make certain to tell the bank it is for the Blanchard Post American Legion account — and be sure to notify Warren Moessner so that the records can be kept up-to-date.

### Praiseworthy

Commenting on Chairman Moessner's program, Commander Ed Costigan said: "This has certainly been a fine job Warren has done. It is the most thorough effort of contacting Post members that has been done in several years. Letters and the 1040 TIMES do a good service but nothing can be compared with the personal contact. I'm confident that when the Bloodmobile arrives Blanchard Post will make the quota set by Bender Lab. What's more important Blanchard Post will get a blood bank account of which we can boast. Perhaps we shouldn't take a blood-count before it's here but I'm counting on the response for which Blanchard Legionnaires have an honored reputation."

### Good Selling Job

Past Commander Dick Dalton related that the caller he had gave such a good talk over the phone Dick was ready then and there to give his blood.

To the list of phone-callers announced by Warren last month some more were added. "To recognize them for their efforts", says Warren, "we show that list again". Here it is: Merwyn Atwood, John Brady, Ralph Butler, George Butman, Joe Cannizzaro, Henry Clough, Jim Fanning, George Feiden, Ken Gumaer, Pat Igoo, Dick Lenseth, Irwin McLaughlin, Bud Mosmen, Charles O'Hara, Art Quinn, Tom Patterson, Fred Trombe, Wally Riggins, George Reeber, Joe Saba, Hugh Stowers, Jules Weland, George Wenger.

### Taps

Last month saw the passing of Blanchard Legionnaire Thomas D. Noonan of Elsmere. Burial was in Rochester.

## COMMITTEE THAT CARES

Fifteen men from the Town of Bethlehem now serving with the Armed Forces in the Viet Nam war zone are now on the list of the Committee That Cares. This committee which had its origin at Blanchard Post now is sponsored by Blanchard Post, Blanchard Post Auxiliary, Bethlehem Memorial Post VFW, Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Lions, Bethlehem Clergy, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Delmar Camera Club, Bethlehem Business and Professional Women, Elsmere Fire Department Auxiliary and the Town of Bethlehem.

The purpose of the Committee is to boost the morale of our Soldiers, Sailors, Air Force men, Marines with letters and packages. By so doing support of America's position in Viet Nam and the anti-Communist role is expressed.

Some of the accomplishments of the committee are: Christmas packages sent... Delmar's neighborhood newspaper, THE SPOTLIGHT, mailed... Arrangements with "Operation Good Will" for taping Christmas messages of families to be sent to our men in Viet Nam... Program for sending monthly packages to the men on Viet Nam war duty... Distributing list of names to persons interested in sending letters and packages to our men in Viet Nam... Of the many who represent the various organizations on the Committee That Cares nearly half are members of Blanchard Post.

A sizeable contribution was made by Benny Pasqualitti of Buell Duplicating Service which distributes the 1040 TIMES. Benny is a member of Blanchard Post. A contribution also came from Rev. William G. Vigne of the First Methodist Church.

A budget committee of which Bill O'Neil is chairman, with Rev. Charles Kaulfuss and Committee Chairman Al Woehrle set up a budgetary system within the limits of the committee's available funds. Bill, a Blanchard member, represents the Elks on the CTC; Father Kaulfuss is Blanchard's Chaplain; Al Woehrle is 1040 TIMES editor.

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## Bowling Notes

Near the mid-season mark this was the Blanchard Bowling League standings as of January 7:

### TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Marines .....	39	29	16	.644
Coast Guard .....	31	23	22	.511
Engineers .....	30	23	22	.511
Artillery .....	30	23	22	.511
Tanks .....	29	19	26	.422
Navy .....	28	21	24	.467
Army .....	28	22	23	.489
Infantry .....	25	20	25	.444

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## 1040 BASEBALL REPORT

The annual baseball dinner of Blanchard Post was held at the Post Rooms on December 27, 1965. There were 85 at the dinner which honored our two teams, Blanchard South and Blanchard North.

The featured speaker was Rod O'Connor, the prominent football and basketball referee. Rod is also the physical training director at the Veterans Hospital in Albany. Rod gave a very interesting talk covering many of his experiences in the world of refereeing. The boys on our two teams enjoyed it very much. Paul Gibbs, who is a personal friend of Rod, was the contact man in arranging for his appearance. Our master of ceremonies, Mr. Herbert Gordon Drew conducted the operations in his usual faultless style. The dinner was catered by Mrs. Herbert White, who supplied our hungry ball players with all they could eat.

Barney Greene, manager of Blanchard North, announced that Brownell Realty has agreed to sponsor Blanchard North for 1966. This announcement was greeted by applause by members of the Board of Directors who were present. Also attending the dinner were Bryant Gallagher and wife. Bryant is the sponsor of Blanchard South, who went 15 and 0 in the Southern Division last year.

Among the guests were Charles M. Crow, Third District Chairman, American Legion Baseball and Manager of Voorheesville American Legion Baseball team, and Gregory Blair, Treasurer of the Albany County American Legion Baseball League.

It is confidently expected that Blanchard South will win the Southern Division Championship in 1966 and that Blanchard North will win the Northern Division Championship. This will mean that the playoff for the County Championship will be held at Bethlehem Central Senior High School about July 24. Make your reservations early.

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## Whether or Not Depends on Weather

If Herrick Pond on McCormack Road, Slingerlands, stays frozen there is a good possibility Blanchard Post's annual Winter Carnival for the children of the community will take place on Lincoln's Birthday.

This was expressed by Commander Costigan at the mid-January meeting. Past Commander Dick Lenseth is making arrangements with the pond's owner, D. Cady Herrick. A committee is in readiness to proceed with the program which a few months ago seemed doomed due to the water-shortage in this area. Drying-up of VonRonne pond which for years was the site of this annual event caused the change of location. When the committee gets the go-ahead to proceed with the ice-skating party publicity will be released in time for the February 12 program.

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## A BIT OF ADVICE

An audience of more than thirty turned out for the January 3rd meeting to hear a talk by Blanchard Legionnaire Fred Trombe who is a Field Representative in the Albany office of the Social Security Administration in the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. His remarks were most enlightening and encouraged an extended period of questions which he forthrightly answered.

The theme of his presentation was centered on the recently enacted federal medicare legislation. In his commentary he made a strong recommendation for everyone to make the effort of learning what is in their social security account. To do this one merely has to write to: Social Security Administration, P. O. Box 57, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, giving your social security number, your date of birth and the year. There is a Form (OAR-7004) for this purpose and they can be obtained from Fred's Albany office of HEW.

## Blues Ahead

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