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TECH ERROR DELAYS BY-LAWS CHANGE VOTE

The scheduled action for making changes in the Post's Constitution and By-laws set for last month has been postponed until this month. The new date for a poll came about when a slip-up was discovered. The miss came to light by our alert Adjutant, Warren Moessner. He found the action, to read the proposed changes at the previous meeting as called for by our constitution, had not been fulfilled. This was concurred in by Post Judge Advocate George Wenger. Post Commander Joe Cannizzaro followed through by ordering the proposals to be re-published in this issue of the TEN FORTY TIMES, then to be read at the February 6 meeting. This will give the required minimum ten days notice for voting on the issue at the mid-monthly meeting on February 20.

High Interest

Attendance at the meeting was considerably greater than usual. Past Commander Charles O'Hara, chairman of

the committee proposing the changes presented the items to the floor. There was no discussion on the mandated change for the admission of Viet Nam War-time veterans into the Post.

The issue which caused the greatest amount of discussion began with the proposed change for nominating Post officials. This was tied in with the elimination of one of the two monthly meetings now held in the Legion year which in our Post customarily runs from September 1 to June 30.

Twice Monthly Meets Hold

Pros and cons on the merits of continuing to hold Post meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month began with a presentation against two meetings by Charlie O'Hara. Objections to the twice monthly meetings were spurred by the usual low meeting attendance and the burden of time placed on the officers who are committed to these

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COSTUME A MUST

Mardi Gras comes early this year. It's this coming Saturday, February 4. Chairman Charlie Redmond and his committee members promise another happy pre-Lenten night to all who come to the Mardi Gras party and dance.

An innovation for this year makes it a must that all who attend the Mardi Gras be costumed for the occasion. The rule will be no costume, no admission. There will be prizes for everyone — well, almost everyone, the committee reports. Top prize will be twenty-five dollars.

Dancing commences at 9:30 p. m. Marv Hirschburg will direct the music.

What else can you expect but a joyous evening with this fun-loving committee composed of Jack Cleary, Bill Flint, Al Gdula, George Kirk, Mike Mele, Paul Sherman, Nick Tangredi and their ladies, along with Ann Carol and Red Kernahan and of course, Sue Redmond.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

Blanchard Post members can be proud of the presentation made by Edward "Ted" Smith our entrant in the Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest last month. It was the second year in a row Ted represented us and again the judges tallied up points which placed Ted in second place and again an oratoress, Grace Martin of Philip Schuyler High School in Albany, was given top honors. Ted is a senior at Bethlehem Central Senior High School.

Attending the contest at St. Teresa of Avila Hall in Albany were Blanchard Legionnaires, Commander Cannizzaro, Post Oratorical Contest Chairman Russ Deneger, Al Woehrle, and Harold Barkhuff who is zone chairman for the American Legion Department of New York oratorical program.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Feb. 4 — Indoor Sports annual party, 1:00 p.m. at Post Hall.

SATURDAY, Feb. 4 — Annual Mardi Gras dance at Post, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Feb. 6 — The Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. Regular Post monthly meeting, 8:30

SUNDAY/MONDAY, Feb. 12 and 13— Lincoln's Birthday — fly the Flag.

TUESDAY, Feb 14—World War I vets luncheon at Elsmernian Restaurant, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, at 12:30 p.m. (Win Robinson, Chairman)

MONDAY, Feb. 20—Mid-monthly Post meeting, at 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22 — Flag Chairman George Reeber reminds everyone to fly the American Flag on this holiday in honor of our Nation's first president, George Washington.

THURSDAY, Feb. 23—Albany County Legion meets at Colonie Post, Osborne Road, Loudonville, 8:30 p.m.

INDOOR SPORTS

The first Saturday in February brings a familiar note to Blanchard Post. It is the annual Indoor Sports Party at which ours is the host Post of the Albany County American Legion for those shut-ins for whom a monthly party is programmed.

The program's chairman for this occasion is Mike Norton whose efforts for it in the past years has brought honors and distinction to himself and to Blanchard Post.

It is expected we'll have about twenty-five or more guests. Some of them will have their own transportation supplied. However, Mike will welcome any station-wagons and their drivers who wish to become available for the afternoon. If you want to help, contact Mike or be at the Post between noon and one p.m. for driving assignments. The party closes at four p. m. and drivers may be needed then to transport our guests home.

Mike is arranging for some musical entertainment and with the help of Blanchard Auxiliary President Betty Costigan and her committee for refreshments it promises to be a happy Saturday afternoon.

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Auxiliary President's Corner

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17. It was a truly enjoyable evening for us all as we had for our guest Tim Thornton, the 1966 Community Ambassador. Tim showed us some very beautiful slides which he illustrated his experiences during his trip to Poland with. With each Community Ambassador that visits our Unit, we all absorb a little more knowledge of the people and customs of the various countries of which many of us are unfamiliar. This is certainly a very worthwhile project on the part of this community and appreciated by us all.

During the business meeting, President Betty Costigan brought to our attention that a superb job had been done selling the candy but there are still two cases of salted nuts unsold. Anyone who has tried them will certainly want another can, or if you haven't had any, do get yours now for they are very good. While I am on the subject of the candy, Betty wants to say a very special thank you to three non-Auxiliary members who were such a big help to us in the candy-selling department. Notably—Art Quinn, Henry Engel and Irene Van Wormer.

At this writing Cosse Drury and Betty have ready for mailing eighteen boxes for area servicemen. Working with the Committee That Cares, our Unit has volunteered to mail boxes this month. The boxes will consist of toothbrushes, tooth-paste, key-chain flashlights, sunglasses, an issue of the Legion magazine and an issue of the Elk magazine.

Anita Shaming, our Coupon Chairman, has asked me to make an appeal for coupons and trading stamps. They have been coming in a little slow and she would appreciate it if you have any to please give them to her. *Any kind* of trading stamp is acceptable. Coupons come from the following products: Mrs. Filbert's, Octagon, Grandma's Molasses, Prince Products, Bordon's, Kirkman's and Super Suds. If you don't go to the

meeting then just put them in an envelope and mail them to Anita.

On Friday, January 13 Mrs. Betty Hutchings, Department President, made her official visit to Albany County. A dinner was held at the Ambassador Restaurant in Albany. Attending from our Unit as guests were our President, Betty Costigan and Maud Hafley, a past department president. Also attending was Helen Reynolds, who was reservations chairman for the dinner. A tea was also held for Mrs. Hutchings at the VA Hospital on Sunday, January 15. Along with Betty and Maud at the tea that afternoon were: Mary Connor, and Esther Cooke.

Our next coming event is to be the 36th Birthday Party of the Auxiliary which will be held on Tuesday, February 20. Ann Carroll is our birthday party chairlady again this year. She did a magnificent job last year and I am sure you will want to be with us. All members and their guests are urged to come. Tool's Restaurant is going to prepare the dinner for us and you can be sure that it will be delicious. County Chairman, Helen Klimeck, has accepted an invitation to be our guest for the evening. Our own Commander Cannizzaro and his wife will also be with us. Every member will be contacted by our executive committee by phone, so you can get your reservation in for yourself and your guests.

See you all on the 20th of February at our Birthday celebration.

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Sick Call

George Reeber, member of the Board of Directors and Post Flag Committee Chairman, was taken ill last month while visiting on Long Island.

Past Post Commander George Butman has been confined to Albany Medical Center this past month. He's in Room 236. Give him a "hello".

Shuffleboard

At the mid-season the American League was blanketing the National — 62 to 35. Come on over to the Post any Thursday night and watch this battle of the quoits.

Bar Notes

A contribution by Bob Warren of a microphone and portable public address system to the Post Bar serves as an inducement for our vocally talented members to express their talents. It also helps Art Quinn to call out the license numbers of the car owners who forgot to put out their lights.

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040, THE AMERICAN LEGION

TO: All Post Members

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2, Article VII of the Post Constitution and Article XVI of the By-Laws you are advised of the following proposed changes in the Post Constitution and By-Laws which be voted upon by the membership at the mid-monthly Post meeting on Monday, February 20, 1967:

1. To meet the requirements of a mandate from the United States Congress and Department of New York Headquarters of the American Legion to accept for membership in the American Legion honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces who have served during the current Viet Nam War period the following change must be effected:

Article III, paragraph 1. in the Constitution, after the words *July 27, 1953, both dates inclusive* add **and August 5, 1964 to a date to be determined;**

Article V, paragraph 4 of the By-Laws after *Korean War* add the words **Viet Nam War period.**

2. To resolve an issue relating to the term of office for members of the Board of Directors, change:

Article I, paragraph 1, add the sentence: **Provided that membership on the Board shall be limited to one full three-year term. This restriction shall not include the completion of a partial term resulting from election by the Board to fill a vacancy. Furthermore, any member of the Board who has completed a three-year term may stand for election again after an interim of a year.**

3. To establish a schedule whereby the slate of nominees for office in the Post will become publicly known prior to an election date, change:

Article XII, paragraph 2, after the word *manner*: delete the sentence commencing *At the regular* and ending *County Committee* and insert **(a) The Post Commander shall appoint a nominating committee of five (5) members by no later than February 1 which will present to the membership a slate of nominees at the first meeting in April; (b) the nominating slate shall include one or more names for each office and for members of the Board of Directors and Delegates and Alternates to the County Committee; (c)**

BE ALERT

Here is an excerpt from a statement by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, Eighty-Ninth Congress, Second Session:

Conclusion

The Communist Party, U. S. A., undoubtedly is in a much stronger position as a result of the 18th national convention. Completely loyal to a foreign power, the Soviet Union, it remains a serious threat to our national security.

The convention actually was a "coming

out party," signifying a new era in the party's life. Gone now will be the defensive posture of an apprehensive party, fearing to identify its leadership and openly work in our national life. The party will now be more aggressive, seeking allies among non-Communists. It hopes to disarm Americans ideologically, to make them feel that communism does not represent a danger to our democratic institutions.

Yet all the time the party will be ideologically hardening itself as a weapon of revolution—training its membership for carrying out what it believes is the "law of history" — namely, a Communist revolution in America.

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BLANCHARD LEADS ALBANY COUNTY

Our Post held the distinction of having the highest paid-up membership enrollment at the December 27 meeting of the Albany County American Legion. The number was 563. Close behind was Scully Post with 552 and in third place, Fort Orange with 540. The County total membership was five percent ahead of last year. "This", says our membership chairman, Vice Commander Tom Patterson, "suggests a good time to go out after those eligible members for our Post."

"The gap to meet our quota is closing", Tom tells us. The quota is 742. At press time we were 123 short of that figure.

The chairman urges sponsors of new members for this Legion year to come to the next meeting to secure their citations for bringing new members into the American Legion during the current "Empire State" campaign—or bringing back into the Legion those former members who let their membership lapse.

The final mailing of dues notices has been released. The membership chairman hopes the response will be overwhelming. Commander Cannizzaro joins with Chairman Patterson in reminding our unpaid members of the many benefits, of which most Legionnaires are unaware, that membership in the American Legion brings.

"Remember", says Commander Joe, "We were edged out of second place membership in Albany County last year by only one. With a little more effort this year in our cooperation with Tom Patterson we may win that second spot membership in Albany County."

Operation Build-up

Commander Cannizzaro and 29 other Post members have earned the Department of New York American Legion's Empire State emblem for bringing new members into the Post and the American Legion. The emblem is a replica of the Empire State Building. Joe with four new members was out-done only by Art Quinn with five. Trailing them with three is Merwyn Atwood. Two each have John Fuller, Pat Russo and Bob Edwards while honors for at least a single new member go to Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Tom Patterson and the following:

- Jack Cleary
- Bob Collins
- Bill Davidson
- Dan Dynko
- John Ennis
- John Fague
- Bill Flint
- Dick Haverly
- Dick Lenseth
- Bill McGoey
- Dick O'Connell
- Charles O'Hara
- Al Pistilli
- Ken Simpson
- Ralph Stillman
- Ken Stinson
- Bob Strickland
- Fred Trombe
- Jesse Turner, Sr.
- Charley Wiley
- Gus Williams
- Al Woehrl

New Members

To these new Post members, we give a hearty welcome:

- Melville G. Arnstein
- Edward Brady
- Robert Broom
- Donald P. Bushey
- John E. Cleary
- James Cleary
- M. J. Cobates
- Edward Clegg
- Nicholas Di Biase

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Like snowflakes, no two Mothers are alike but they have a number of things in common. Name any thing — a Mother can be found washing it, roasting it, polishing it, getting rid of it, repairing it, spanking it, packing it, teaching it, redecorating it, loving it, or talking it over at PTA.

A Mother cares about, and for almost everything — gardens, pets, the state of the nation, the worn spot in the rug, hungry people, and most of all, father and her children. For these she can do anything, dare anything, and fight for their happiness.

A Mother is not always an angel. She will often disagree with you, expect too much of you, criticize your choice of friends, and bring up the subject of work when you feel the least energetic. But she's always ready to help when you need her.

You don't always tell a Mother how much you love her or how much you wish the most wonderful things in the world will come to her because there are no words that express feelings so deep and sincere. Somehow, though, you feel she understands what's in your heart. Mothers always do.

TWO BOOKS

My Uncle Dennis' pale blue eyes sparkled as he turned the pages of our new seed catalogue. "My boy," said he, "for free, I get a book like this. Printed in all the colors of nature. Look! Asters, petunias, green peas, bloodred beets."

He gave me a sly glance to see whether I was paying attention to what he was saying, then continued: "My boy, they say the Number One book is the Bible. And rightly so. In it man can find comfort, solace, words of wisdom to strengthen him. Yet, some doubt its teachings. 'There is no God,' they say. Yet these same men will plant the tiny seed and have faith the seed will bring forth flowers, fruit and vegetables. Any man who plants a seed . . . believes."

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"One cannot thumb through the seed catalogue without believing. Never, my boy, be without these two great books: the Bible that tells of the miracles, and the seed catalogue that proves them."

—Pat Barnes

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and other Post meetings and functions. The arguments in favor of continuing the twice-monthly meetings included the advantages for Post officers and committee chairmen to maintain closer communications with Post members involved with Post activities and the opportunity for presenting special programs at some of the meetings.

The sentiment for continuing the twice-monthly meetings prevailed by an overwhelming majority. This removed the issue from being further considered as a change in the Post By-Laws.

Up-Coming Action

"Discussion", says Commander Cannizzaro "is a good ingredient for the mainstay of any organization. It is hoped that the interest expressed in this matter will be continued. That the first meeting in February will have a good attendance with even a better one for the mid-February meeting when these issues come before the membership for a vote."

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Voorheesville Post Offers Candidate for Albany County Commander

Unless some unanticipated opposition rises the next Albany County Commander will be the present County Adjutant Emil Vander Kruik, a past commander of Voorheesville Post #1493. His candidacy has been announced by his post commander, Bob Albert. Emil has a long and distinguished career of service in the American Legion since his discharge from the U.S. Army after World War II.



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REGULAR POST MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 1967

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 — The American Legion

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. by Commander Cannizzaro with a prayer by Fred Stahlhut. There were 30 members present. The meeting for the evening was then turned over to Acting Commander Tom Patterson. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Finance — The finance report was accepted as presented by Bob Rosenfield:

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| Checking Account | \$4,778.22 |
| Savings Account | 1,990.90 |
| Petty Cash | 300.00 |
| Total | \$7,069.12 |

Membership — Tom Patterson reported 588 memberships accepted and processed to date. He reported that this figure represents 74% of our quota for this year's drive.

Tom presented pins to John Brady, Art Quinn, Charlie O'Hara and Bob Strickland for sponsoring new members.

Activities —

New Years Eve Party — George Feiden reported a profit of \$12.61. He also reported that the Kitchen had not been left in good shape by those who had used it last. He recommends that the Kitchen be inspected frequently for cleanliness.

German Night — Plans are in good shape for this event to be held January 21.

Annual Ice Skating Party — Fred Stahlhut reported this event is still scheduled for January 7, providing there is sufficient ice on Herrick's Pond. Fred requested additional volunteers to help make this event successful.

County Meeting — Bill Campbell reported:

Membership — Blanchard Post is in 1st place in the current membership drive.

Cerebral Palsy Telethon — The American Legion has been asked to police this event at the Colonie Shopping Center on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29. A total of 100 volunteers are needed. The County requests each Post supply 10 to 15 volunteers.

I. D. Cards — The County expects to have a supply of these billfold size identification cards available in the near future. In addition to other information, these cards will request, in case of emergency, that the bearer be taken to the nearest V. A. Hospital.

Unfinished Business —

Bar Stools — Fred Grasser gave a partial report on his findings. Stools similar to those now in use cost \$15.00. If stools with back rests are desired, they are available for \$24. Additional prices will be sought before the final report is made at the next Regular Post Meeting.

Installation of New Members

The following new members were inducted into Blanchard Post by Past Commander Costigan and Commander Cannizzaro:

Charles DeGrush, Grant E. Talbot, Jr., and Robert Sager

Following the induction ceremonies, R. E. Kerber was introduced to the membership. He has transferred membership in our Post from California.

New Business

Legion Caps — A motion was made by Bob Rosenfield, seconded by Fred Grasser and passed unanimously, that the Post purchase 4 caps (2 size 7 and 2 size 7¹/₈) and 6 plastic protectors, for resale to interested Post members.

Commander's Report — Commander Cannizzaro reported the following:

White Christmas — A card has been received from the Bethlehem Community Christmas Festival thanking us for our donation.

Campaign for State Commander — A brochure has been received announcing the candidacy of Ed Delehanty for State Commander.

Annual Department Dinner — Tickets are still available at \$3.50 per plate for this affair to be held on Saturday, February 4 at Scully Post.

Color T. V. Set — The Board of Directors has authorized the expenditure of \$530 for purchase of a color T. V. set and platform for the Post. Cost of the rotor antenna will be considered at a later date if it is found to be necessary. The order for the new set has been placed with Bob Strickland.

Good of the Legion

Sid Kaplan requested an American Flag be presented to the Slingerlands Girl Scout Troop. This matter will be referred to George Reeber, our Flag Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Warren D. Moessner, Adjutant



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BOWLING

The mid-season Post Bowling League dinner last month was a happy affair. It was arranged by Dinner Chairman Perry Smith. Nearly the entire league membership with their wives or girlfriends attended. A tasty roast beef dinner was served at Joseph's in Ravenna. A door prize of a Schaefer cooler with a supply of beer was made available thru Legionnaire Al Beckmann who is also a Schaefer sales manager and high in the Bowling League standing. The cooler went to Doc Klett.

As the league headed into the last half of the season here's how the teams and players rated:

TEAM STANDINGS

| | Points | Won | Lost | % |
|-------------|--------|-----|------|------|
| Tanks | 47½ | 35 | 22 | .614 |
| Infantry | 44 | 31 | 26 | .544 |
| Marines | 41 | 31 | 21 | .544 |
| Navy | 41 | 32 | 25 | .561 |
| Artillery | 38 | 29 | 28 | .509 |
| Engineers | 34½ | 26 | 31 | .456 |
| Army | 34 | 25 | 32 | .439 |
| Coast Guard | 23 | 19 | 38 | .333 |

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

| | Pinnage | Games | Avg. |
|----------------------|---------|-------|------|
| 1. Loftus, E. | 10035 | 57 | 176 |
| 2. Stinson, K. ... | 9537 | 54 | 176 |
| 3. Cleary, J. | 7832 | 45 | 174 |
| 4. McCarthy, B. . | 8327 | 48 | 173 |
| 5. Andre, M. | 8801 | 51 | 172 |
| 6. Johnston, A. . | 6606 | 39 | 169 |
| 7. Larkin, S. | 9408 | 57 | 165 |
| 8. Tangors, A. .. | 9361 | 57 | 163 |
| 9. Mitchell, W. .. | 8274 | 51 | 162 |
| 10. Beckmann, A. . | 7763 | 48 | 161 |
| 11. Williams, V. .. | 7589 | 47 | 161 |
| 12. Flint, W. | 7044 | 44 | 160 |
| 13. Strickland, R. . | 8593 | 54 | 159 |
| 14. Voelmle, O. ... | 9010 | 57 | 158 |
| 15. Lantz, G. | 7549 | 48 | 157 |
| 16. Greenwood, A. | 7054 | 45 | 157 |
| 17. Lenseth, D. ... | 7360 | 47 | 156 |
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Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen—it usually doesn't. I am going to spend time making things happen.

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Today I am determined to do the things that I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing things I should not do.

Today I begin by doing and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

Today I will stop saying, "If I had time—" I know I never will "find time" for anything. If I want time, I must make it.

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