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## GERMAN NIGHT

German Night, January 24, 1970. Yes, a night to remember. It was exciting, suspenseful, and dramatic. Blanchard Post 1040 and all its members that attended the affair will talk about it for years to come, and I for one, was glad to have been there.

The night started off just great and since it was to be our last party at the Post, everyone wanted to enjoy it. Bob Strickland was Chairman of German Night and Bob had members like Bill Campbell and Phil Lee working the dining room, while in the kitchen Ed Korp handled the food. Decorations was taken care of by Bill McGoe and now the stage was set for a night to remember!

Everything was coming along fine, the roast pork was excellent, and the beer mugs were filled with imported beer. The music arrived and the German Hofbrau Band was playing polkas and swinging renditions of German songs—when suddenly things began to happen.

Art Quinn, who had complaints all evening of the coldness in the room, suddenly had trouble trying to reverse the problem. It became so warm that

you began to perspire and couldn't cool off. It seemed like the old building knew it was the last party and just gave out! Yes, it was a funny feeling that came over me as things began to break. Soon everyone came upstairs because water was flooding the bar. The people kept on dancing and the floor just shook. Then the ladies came back from the ladies room and reported it out of order. The door came off the side entrance and caused further commotion because people sitting there couldn't stand the cold draft. When the men's room flooded and refused to function, that finished it!!!

Hank Kindberg, the Activities Chairman, had to make the sudden announcement, and although it was difficult to do, Hank stopped the party. Yes, it was a night to remember, and as we left the Post that funny feeling was still with me... as if the Post was saying it gave its best for over 30 odd years and the end was near.

And for all the members who had mixed feelings about whether we needed a new building or not—well, there was the answer. And well timed it was. (Yes, I wonder?)

### Oratorical Contest

The American Legion's Albany County's 33rd annual Oratorical Contest took place Sunday, Jan. 18. Ned Stringham, student at Bethlehem Central High School, represented Blanchard Post. He was not a winner, but did a fine job. The Constitution of the United States was the subject and was well presented by the four participating students. Thanks to Chairman Russ Denegar for making the necessary arrangements.

Hugh Stowers  
Commander

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### Sick Call

Legionnaire Lou Feldman is a patient at Veteran's Hospital. A card of good cheer from all members has been sent.

### Indoor Sports Day

On Saturday, Feb. 7 Blanchard Post welcomes the opportunity to host our annual Indoor Sports Day. Each year we look forward to this visit of members of the Albany Chapter, Indoor Sports Club. Chairman Phil Lee has made arrangements for transportation and entertainment. The luncheon will be prepared and served by the Blanchard Auxiliary and President Maud Hafley will have a committee of Auxiliary members assisting to make an enjoyable afternoon for all of those attending.

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### Taps

We extend our sympathy to the wife and family of our departed comrade, James G. Tebbutt.

## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Feb. 2—Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Feb. 7—Indoor Sports annual party, 1:00 p.m. at Post Hall

THURSDAY, Feb. 12—Lincoln's Birthday—Fly the Flag

MONDAY, Feb. 16—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Feb. 17—Auxiliary's 39th Anniversary Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Post Hall

SATURDAY, Feb. 28—Twenty Week Club Dinner and Dance

SUN.-MON., Feb. 22-23—Washington's Birthday—Fly the Flag

MONDAY, Feb. 23—Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 26—County meeting at Colonie Post 1256, Osborne Road, Loudonville, N. Y.

## NEW POST INFO

We had another tour of the new Post recently and it sure is coming along just fine. Hank Kindberg showed me every room from top to bottom. Downstairs is the large cocktail bar and the paneling was up and stained. Also, the lighting was almost completed. The bar is about to be installed, and the walk-in cooler is already in operation. Yes, members, it won't be long now! And according to Gus Williams it definitely will be in February.

The ladies and gents rooms have already been tiled and are something to see. There will be a kitchen downstairs when needed, and also upstairs for banquets. A service bar upstairs will also be ready for all occasions. There will be a good size conference room plus an office for the Commander (downstairs).

The upstairs banquet room is almost completed. The paneling is completed with only the floor and lighting to be finished. There will be rest rooms for ladies and men up and downstairs, plus plenty of rooms to check your coats. Also rooms for storage and supplies.

I can say this...when completed, Blanchard Post will be a Legion Post to be proud of. A Post that will be talked about for years to come.

By the time this article is in print, the Post probably had one or two affairs already under its belt.

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### ★ AUXILIARY NEWS

#### Auxiliary President's Corner

By MARCIA ROSENFELD

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Come out February 17 to celebrate our Unit's 39th Birthday. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7. The members of the Legion will cook the meal and serve the ladies. Lee Hurley will provide attractive decorations. Marcia Rosenfield will handle reservations. Place your reservation through the invitation of the Calling Committee.

Zen Campbell still has too many membership cards which should have names on them. She has sent out dues bills twice. That's 12 cents a person. Multiply 12 by 45. Multiply 45 by 6 cents which is the return of the membership card. Add the cost of stationery. The sum can be considered wasted money. Look at it this way: if you paid your dues now, the money *not* spent for postage, etc., could be earmarked toward one of our charitable contributions.

President Maud has received a letter from one of our most devoted members and past President, Mary Conner. She thanked the Auxiliary for their gift and thoughtful Christmas cards. We are glad to report that under a doctor's care Mary is gaining her lost weight back and generally feeling much better. Oh, if we could wish Mary back! It's hard to imagine the spring card party and poppy day without her.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Long. We have lost one more loyal member who did much to contribute to the success of our Unit. A donation to the Cancer Fund has been made in her memory.

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 TUESDAY, February 17 — 39th Anniversary Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
 TUESDAY, February 24 — County meeting  
 TUESDAY, March 17 — The regular monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## REHAB CORNER

### EDUCATION BILL MOVES

On October 23, the Senate passed its version of the bill, HR11959, to increase the rates of vocational rehabilitation, educational assistance and special training allowance to eligible veterans, wives and widows of totally disabled service-connected veterans and war orphans. The vote was 77 to 0. . . . As originally passed by the House on August 4, HR 11959 provided a 27% increase in these allowances, at an estimated first year cost of approximately \$206.5 million. As amended and passed by the Senate the bill would provide a 46% increase in the educational assistance rates, retroactive to September 1, 1969, at a cost of approximately \$485.8 million for the first twelve months. The Senate version of the measure would raise monthly allowances from \$130 to \$190 for a veteran with no dependents; from \$155 to \$213 for those with one dependent; and from \$175 to \$240 monthly for veterans with two dependents, plus \$15 a month for each additional. Comparable increases are also provided for part time institutional and cooperative training. . . . Other Senate amendments include provisions for flight training loans, a pre-discharge education program, veterans outreach services program, and a special assistance program for educationally disadvantaged veterans. . . . The American Legion strongly supports that portion of HR11959, as amended, which increases the educational assistance rates. Existing readjustment allowances paid to veterans cover only 67% of the cost of education whereas allowances paid to Korean Conflict veterans covered about 98% of the costs of the veterans education. Over the past 15 years the cost of education in public institutions has increased 55%, and in private institutions the costs have increased about 96% during a similar period. . . . The President objected to the 46% increase in rates as provided in the Senate version of HR11959. He says he is in sympathy with a "justifiable increase" but that "the proposed rates are excessive and their effect would be inflationary." The measure will now go back to the House where it is predicted that many of the Senate changes, particularly Title 2 of the bill, will be met by stiff opposition.

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (January 19)

According to our Membership Chairman Bob Smith, we now have 632 paid up members tucked away. But we still have more coming to Bob. (In dribs and drabs.) So hurry up men. Give our Membership Chairman a break and get yours in.

February 28 will be our 20 Week Club Dinner and Dance. Hopefully with the music supplied by Francis Murphy (big band sound) and songs by the one and *only* Jerry Romano.

Nominating Committee chosen by our Commander Hughie Stowers are George Butman (chairman), Bill Campbell, Warren Mosmen, Bob Smith, Mike Mele.

Bill Campbell is Chairman again this year for the Legion, participating in the Cerebral Palsy Telethon program.

Hank Kindberg reported that the new building is coming along. And the opening won't be too far away.

Indoor Sports Chairman is Phil Lee. To be held February 7.

The meeting was closed in honor of three members who passed away recently. John B. Carrier, Endrea F. Earl and James G. Tebbutt.

## Cerebral Palsy Telethon

The annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon fund-raising campaign will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21 through Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany. Chairman Bill Campbell is looking for Legionnaires to volunteer their time and service as security guards in the armory. The telethon runs continuously from 11 p.m. Saturday thru 5 p.m. Sunday and anyone willing to aid in this most worthy cause, please contact Bill Campbell.

## Ice Skating Carnival Cancelled

Chairman Ollie Palmer regretfully reported to Commander Hugh Stowers that of this writing our annual ice skating carnival would not be possible this year due to the heavy snow conditions. Ollie checked the pond for possible removal of snow but the conditions warrant cancellation.

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## A TRIBUTE TO THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

As a preliminary to the Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest last month, Blanchard Post's entrant was chosen from a contest at Bethlehem Central Senior High School. There Mrs. G. May Blackmore, a guidance counselor, arranged for a run-off between three members of the Debate Club at school.

The judges at the school were the Post Oratorical Chairman, H. Russell Denegar, Mrs. Annette Ungerman, a social studies teacher and Mrs. Margaret H. Westervelt, business education teacher.

The contestants were Joyce Cornes, who is Jim Cornes' grand-daughter, Clifford Hendler and our last year's oratorical contestant, Edward Stringham, who again won the distinction of representing the Blanchard Post in the Albany County event of the 33rd annual Oratorical Contest for the Department of New York.

To renew your faith in the youth of today, Chairman Denegar secured the text of the presentation made by one of the Bethlehem High participants and here gives you the chance to read it:

### A NEW DECADE, AN OLD PROBLEM

We have entered the seventies—the twenty-first decade that the United States has been an independent nation. There is much behind us that we may look back upon with pride: our shores now embrace both oceans; Americans have explored both poles; we have reached out and touched the moon. It is true that not all the years have been peaceful, but the United States is now the most powerful nation in the world. We have made advances on fronts other than the diplomatic and military. Our citizens have made important contributions in the arts, sciences, as well as in technology. However, we do not enter this decade without many problems. Our forefathers could never have visualized some of them: pollution of the air and water, automation, unrest on the college campuses, and cities bursting with the problems of race and increased urbanization. But there are other puzzles that have been wrested with ever since the eighteenth century. The early days of our nation bore witness to many debates. Most of these discussions centered on the basic questions, "Who should have the power?" and "How should we control men once they are in a position of authority?" The Founding Fathers eventually reached answers that were suitable for their age, but are these same answers workable in a modern world?

First it is important to understand that the key to the Constitution, the outline drawn up by our ancestors of the national government, is not simply in the written words, but in the interpretation. Much of the Constitution was unclear, vague, or simply did not cover every situation. This is why the Supreme Court became an indispensable arm of the federal gov-

ernment. It is the judicial branch that for years has tried to maintain the Constitution as a viable basis for the "law of the land."

The Constitution was not the first attempt on the part of the early lawmakers to launch a successful country. The year 1781 saw the final passage of the Articles of Confederation which were the legal basis to form a central government to act on behalf of the 13 states. The Articles gave a surprising amount of power to the new central government—control of foreign affairs, the ability to sponsor an army as well as declare war, the authority to borrow money, and even the right to step in and attempt to settle any disputes between states. True, the amount of power doled to the federal government was amazing, considering our recent struggles to free ourselves from Great Britain, and the desire for strong local and state governments to help insure that the wishes of the people were heard and carried out, but the Articles of Confederation did have many defects, primarily because they still failed to assign many essential powers to the newly created central government. For example, the Articles lacked a provision that would give the government the authority to raise money by any means other than asking the states for contributions. Such a policy gave the nation a very unstable financial footing; not only could the government be unaware of when money would be available, but also how much. Little wonder that Robert Morris, who was in charge of the country's finances, resigned rather than, "increase our debts, while the prospect of paying them diminishes." Serious as this flaw was, it was not the greatest weakness that existed under the Articles. Perhaps it was because of the distrust of a single strong power, but nowhere did the Articles provide for an executive branch of the government. Because of this, there was no one person or group who had the duty to enforce the laws. The matter was one that was left in the hands of the states, and so uniformity was nonexistent.

It was because of these two defects, both concerning the distribution and use of power, that the leaders of the time became aware that there was a need for change. They realized that the union must be made stronger, and outbreaks like Shay's Rebellion demanded that action be taken. As a result, fifty-five men met in Philadelphia. They came to amend the Articles of Confederation, but ended by composing an entirely new document which became known as the Constitution of the United States.

There were many ideas and propositions brought to the Constitutional Convention, and assent on all of these was by no means immediate, but Americans should be pleased that the password of the age was compromise; not controversy. Debate ended not in dispute, but decisions. Once these decisions were compiled, the new country had the foundation it required to become a stable member of the world community.

How did these men choose to settle the inherent problems of power and those who hold

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1 Loftus E .....	9122	51	179
2 Johnston W .....	8305	48	173
3 Tangora A .....	9313	54	172
4 Andre M .....	8767	51	171
5 Smith R .....	8741	51	171
6 Bender R .....	9551	51	167
7 Lenseh R .....	9038	54	167
8 Larkin S .....	8691	52	167
9 Lantz G .....	9472	57	166
10 Berry W .....	9355	57	164
11 Aupperle J .....	8394	51	164
12 Klett S .....	8302	51	163
13 Kindberg H .....	3432	21	163
14 Pugliese A .....	8615	54	159
15 Beckmann A .....	7526	48	156
16 Stahlhut F .....	6889	45	153
17 Hanrahan E .....	7765	51	152
18 Eagan V .....	7734	51	152
19 Smith D .....	8177	54	151
20 Mitchell W .....	8165	54	151
21 Brady J .....	7743	51	151
22 Switzer G .....	8138	54	150
23 Mosmen B .....	5867	39	150
24 Cole R .....	7166	48	149
25 Volk W .....	8014	54	148
26 Haker J .....	7122	48	148
27 Buker F .....	6675	45	148
28 Butman G .....	7983	54	147
29 Roach R .....	3543	24	147
30 Wickert A .....	3059	21	146
31 Bollman E .....	4320	30	144
32 Wiley G .....	7639	54	141
33 Bowry R .....	2521	18	140
34 McCabe L .....	7055	51	138
35 Campbell W .....	6800	51	133
36 Burns K .....	7353	57	129
37 Monette L .....	6594	54	124
38 Fanning J .....	5362	45	119

## TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	Won	Lost	%
Artillery .....	50	37	20	.649
Navy .....	44	32	25	.561
Tanks .....	40+	30½	26½	.536
Marines .....	36+	26½	32½	.448
Coast Guard .....	34+	27½	29½	.482
Army .....	33	25	32	.439
Engineers .....	33	27	30	.474
Infantry .....	32+	22½	34½	.393

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## POST NEWS

Did you hear about the big shuffle board contest after a meeting not long ago? Dick Dalton and Bob Edwards clobbered the highly-touted team of Bill Campbell and Phil Lee. (Oh well, Bill Campbell was entertaining his daughter that night and couldn't concentrate.) Also did anyone of the members know that Joe Cummings, a member of Blanchard Post, was a professional baseball player? He was a pitcher in Canadian-American League and owned by the Yankees at one time. Also Art Quinn's wife Helen has been quite ill. We all hope she will be well soon. By the way, who is the lucky member who has been filling his pockets with loot on the Friday night 50-50 club? Harold Reohr is angry because his name wasn't mentioned at one of the recent parties he attended. So hello to the four Reohrs! Ed Korp would appreciate it if his name was spelled right for a change. (It's Korp, *not* Corts.) Thanks Ed.

Joe Von Ronne, we hear, will be organizing a group of members and will have an auction sale. This auction sale will be for the purpose of raising money for the new Post. (Hard working member, that's Joe), and good luck. We need the dough.

And don't forget folks—come on Friday nights at the Post Pub. Good music and plenty of loot waiting for the lucky person. (Me.)

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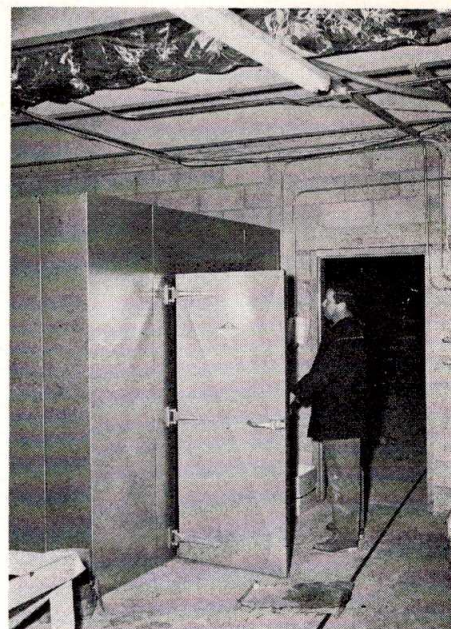
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(Downstairs)

## A TRIBUTE TO THE YOUTH

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it? Basically, their ideas were of a conservative nature. Although they did resolve many of the problems present in the Articles: creation of an executive branch; giving the legislative branch the power to tax to raise revenue; and placing the federal government in control of interstate commerce, there was a tendency to retain some of the privileges of the old aristocracy. There was to be no direct election of members of the legislative bodies or of the leaders in the executive branch. This was an expression of the "fear of the mob" that the leaders felt. The writers of the Constitution did not have a liberal view of mankind, but rather saw it as a basically evil creature, and one who could not be trusted to always make the decisions that they, the leaders, felt were proper, especially concerning property rights. At no time did these leaders care to grant to the public a full participatory democracy, because they saw this as too much of a threat to the position that they held in the society at that time. It is interesting to note that the real radicals of the age, like Samuel Adams and Thomas Paine, had no part in the drawing up of the Constitution. Men like Adams fought to free the country, but then left it to the statesmen to do the "paperwork;" it would be safe to assume that if the radicals of the time had helped to author this document, that the tone would be far more of a liberal one, and might have even granted more rights and privileges to the so-called "Great Unwashed." But, this was not the case. Why is it then that our country, as well as our Constitution, have become more liberal?

Part of the cause of this change goes back to what I mentioned earlier—the importance of interpretation, but yet this is not the sole reason. It has been almost 200 years that our

nation has worked under this Constitution, and the people themselves have undergone a change. There has been a drastic growth in the middle class; we no longer have what could be considered a powerful minority class like the aristocracy of the post-Revolutionary days. Socially, economically, and technologically the United States of the 1970's is far different from the United States of the 1790's.

Today, many Americans feel the need to be reassured that democracy really can work. At times, we take action ourselves without urging, supporting, or even allowing the men we have elected to attempt to solve the problems themselves. All Americans should endeavor to have more trust and faith in our nation. Our citizens should be mature enough to realize that to have an effective federal government we must give enough power to the men that we have placed in a position of authority, and then let them lead the country. In a nation of over 200 million people, not everyone can be a leader.

This then is how we must answer the question of power in the seventies; actually much the same way the Founding Fathers believed best. They knew then, as we do now, that democracy controlled is a better government for the United States than demagogory condoned.

Commenting on this activity, Commander Hugh Stowers stated: "While our contestant, Ed Stringham, was not first among the four who participated at the Albany County contest, we are proud to have had him as our representative and for the opportunity of continuing our participation in this important American Legion program directed toward our American youth."

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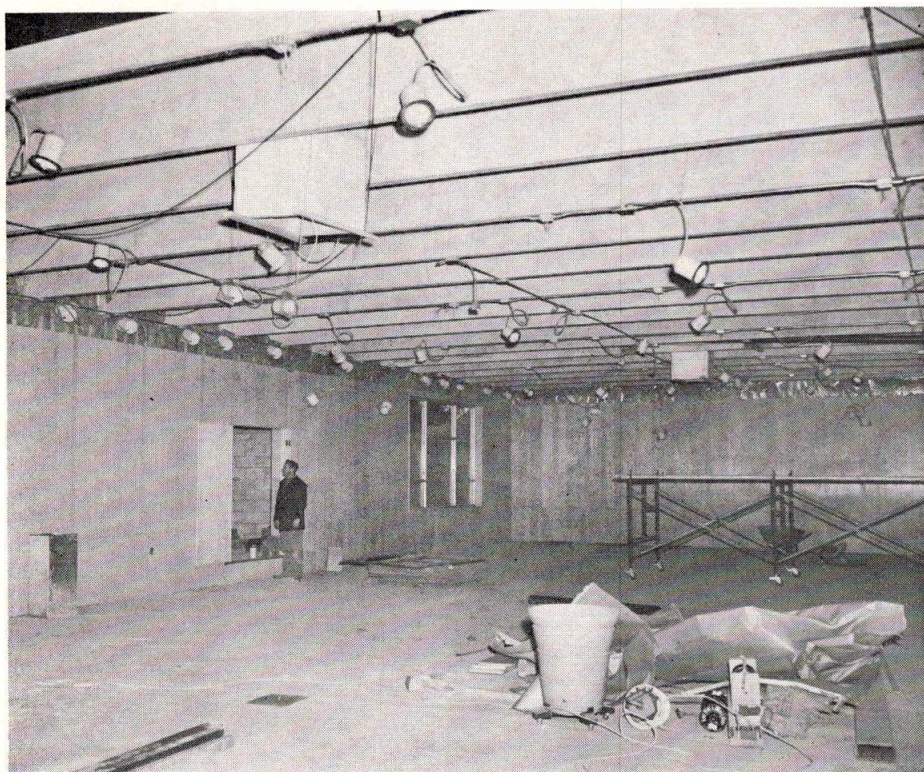
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