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FEBRUARY 1972

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By May Smith

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A big thank you to all who helped to make the Christmas Party an enjoyable one. Chairman Barbara Whitney, Reservations Maud Hafley, Decorations Shirley LaMoy and Joan Stowers, Entertainment Norrine Cooke, Mary Kaplan, Ruth Jorgenson and Santa Claus to name just a few.

The Executive Meeting on January 11 was attended by Della Brady, Ruth Burns, Janet Johnson, Barbara Palmer, Helen Quinn, Marcia Rosenfield, Lenore Smith, Joan Stowers, Marcia Turner and May Smith.

President Barbara outlined a tentative calendar for rest of the year as follows:

Feb. 15—Birthday Dinner with Marcia Rosenfield as the chairman.

Cocktails at 6:30

Chairman Hank Williams and his staff serving dinner at 7:30 Deadline Feb. 8

Program: Betty Costigan and Marcia Turner

Decorations: Ann Carroll

Mar.21—Covered dish supper/Initiation
New members are: Marjorie
Blendell, Madalyn Bryant, Gertrude Cleary, Roxanna Erlichman, Patricia Havill, Alice
Herber, Alice Johnston, Pauline Ouderkirk, Christine Ru-

dolph, Mary Spenser, Patricia Starkweather, Beverly Whitney, and Mary Winchell.

Apr. 18—Business meeting
Foreign Relations chairman
Fran Hynds will present data
on Kenya, East Africa.

May 2—Card Party and Fashion Show by Dorothy Lynn Fashion Show: Mary Kaplan Door Prizes: Lenore Smith Table Prizes: Della Brady Volunteers needed for tickets and refreshment chairmen

May 16—Election of Officers
Poppy Day to be announced.
Ann Lee is Poppy Chairman

June 20—Covered dish supper

Get well wishes are in order for Esther Cooke, Lee Hurley and Delores Piper. Hope all are on the road to recovery long before this is printed.

OUR ADVERTISERS - THE NAMES TO GO BUY

POST ACTIVITIES FOR 1972

Feb. 12—Valentine Party Dinner-Dance

Mar. 11—St. Patrick's Night Dinner-Dance

Mar. 19—Back to God Breakfast (Family Sunday)

Apr. 8—Spring Party — Dinner-Dance

Apr. 22—Past Commander's Night — Dinner-Dance

May 19—Installation of Officers

May 29—Memorial Day Parade

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- ★ That Dan Lantz still uses the abacus for his calculations as Finance Officer of the Post.
- ★ That Mike Mele was formerly the hairdresser for Phyllis Diller.
- ★ That Jerry Romano got his big break singing "My Wild Irish Rose"—in a flat.
- ★ That Phil (Doc) Reilly would never tell anyone to keep his mouth shut.
- ★ That Guy Switzer gave close order drill to all recruits having two left feet.
- ★ That Ken Gordon went along with the President and put a freeze on all his goods.
- ★ That Bill Donnelly drove 200 miles on a fishing trip and forgot to bring his equipment.
- ★ That Jack Brady is thinking about starting his own American Legion baseball team.
- ★ That Bob Strickland is on the lookout for a full grown Great Dane to complete his menagerie.
- ★ That Joe Reohr is a perfect 36 around the neck.

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Thank You Bill

The Christmas tree donated by Bill McKeough Nurseries served many functions in the Post's Eisenhower Hall. The Tinsel Ball, Egg Nog Party, Children's Party, Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party and the Lions Club Christmas Party are some that enjoyed this beautifully-decorated tree. Thank you, Bill.

NOTICE

Your Editor apologizes for the late receipt of the January issue. While in and out of the printer's hands on time, in got caught up in the holidays and some unexplained beauracratic handling in the post office.

Valentine Dance Feb. 12

MIDNITE BUFFET

Committee chairmen: Harold and Al Merritt, Bob and Ethel Neely, Jay and Isabelle Cornwell, Joe and Grace Von Ronne, George and Peg Butman, Bud and Kay Mosmen, Merwin and Eleanor Atwood. Music will be by Clen Haber.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 12/20 AND 1/3 MEETINGS

DECEMBER 20, 1971

• 37 members in attendance compared with 22 a year ago.

• V.Cmdr. Cummings reported membership at 625 for 1972 including new members. This is 140 over last year.

• Chmn. Palmer reported on the ice skating party to be held 1/22/72 starting at 1 p.m. at the Town skating rink.

• Chmn. Moessner reported on Blood Bank program to be at Post on 1/13/72.

• Sick call: Past Cmdr. Cliff Whitney is a patient at the VA; Bill Tougher is at home after suffering a broken ankle.

• Al Woehrle stated that it should be noted for the record that the shuffleboard had been resurfaced.

• Bd. of Directors member Butman reported that the Flag pole would be up after the first of the year. George commended Bill Campbell for his good job as House Chairman.

• Chmn. Sid Kaplan reported on Children's Christmas Party and thanked Ken Havill, Marguerite Reed, Bob George and all the other fine people who made this gala affair such a success. Sid added that all left-over gifts, etc. were given to charitable purposes. Sid recommended that consideration be given to bringing all interested youngsters from Albany Home for Children to our next Christmas Party. This received an enthusiastic response from the members present.

• V. Cmdr. Mele reported on the success of the Tinsel Ball and stated what a fine job Bob Gentner and Hank Voorhees did.

• Past Cmdr. Woehrle, Cmdr. Smith and Sgt.-at-Arms Brady inducted the following men into the membership: Leland Bryant, Henry Meyer, Roland Whitney, Terry Whitney, Alan Whitney, and James Vink.

• The committee that put the egg nog party together were thanked, and Phil Giacone, Jr. suggested that Gus Williams be thanked for his bartending job—a heretofore unknown talent.

• Past Cmdr. Win Robinson urged the members to attend the Legislative Dinner on 1/31/72 at the Hyatt House.

JANUARY 3, 1972

• Meeting called to order by V. Cmdr. Voorhees with 30 members present compared to 24 a year ago.

• Chmn. Reeber reported on the Flag Committee.

• V.Cmdr. Cummings reported membership at 701 including 2 new members.

• Woehrle reporting on County Meeting stated that Blanchard Post will receive a citation for attendance at the past Department Convention.

• V. Comdr. Voorhees reported on Post activities coming up in January.

• Bill Donnelly, Ken Havill, Joe Cummings and all others who worked on the New Year's Eve Party were commended for a very fine job.

• Ed Korp suggested that our Post delegates to the County Meetings be instructed on those matters which in the opinion of our membership are of considered importance to our Post.

• Past Cmdr. Woehrle announced that he personally endorsed Herman Harrington of Rensselaer County for the next

Department Commander.

• 1040 Times Advertising Chmn. George Reeber announced that 53 "ads" had been received and that there were only 3 vacancies left. George was thanked for his great job.

• Giff Lantz paid tribute to our Boy Scout Troop for their active effort and contribution to the support of the Fort Orange Council. • Chmn. Moessner and Joe Cummings reported all was being readied for Blood Donation Day on 1/13/72.

• A motion was passed to appropriate \$24.00 to send our Commander and his chosen delegate to the Dept. Legislative Dinner.

• It was announced, and drew a round of applause from the members present, that Ernie Gaul will manage Blanchard Post's American Legion team this year.

• The meeting was adjourned in memory of our departed comrade Darwin Mott, and at the suggestion of Past Cmdr. Woehrle in prayerful remembrance of our comrades who are being held prisoners-of-war in foreign lands.

-Kenneth J. Burns, Adjutant

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Navy	20	16	32	.333

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THE EXTRA FRAME . . .

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Monette L ____48

Stowers H _____45

..... and did that big Marine Ollie PALMER hit strike, split, and 7 (count 'em) straight strikes for a 258, I believe ... and we never congratulated Doug 'Navy' ROACH for his big-league score that got his name in the paper... and the snow-birds will be flying South if they haven't already: Big Al 'Army' BECKMANN going to Barbados (if that's how it's spelled) from what I hear — Bud 'Coast Guard' MOSMEN and Fred 'Infantry' BUKER told me New

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Year's Eve what warmer climate they were going to, but the old Duster was too waffled to remember! (Which one of youse wise guys said, "it's a four-letter word that begins with h and ends with 1?"... and a big good luck, happy years and all that stuff to Capt. Milt 'Artillery' ANDRE on his retirement! (I just hope that nice Dolly you're married to keeps you busy, you rascal!) ... I was just reading if you use expressions like, "I got news for you," "You better believe it" and "Long time, no see," you are just trying to prove that you belong to the over-the-hill gang . . . and let's hope that everybody that wants to go to the Hempstead Tourney read that notice on the bulletin board and got some entry blanks from Jim FARRELL, County Chairman, for their entries—which close the middle of February!...lining up his cadre for the Hempstead Tourney is Bill MITCHELL—how about you? Did ya git ver entry and fee sent in? ... and certainly the league congratulates Chmn. Warren MOESSNER, Joe CUMMINGS and the COMMITTEE plus all the fine work done by the AUXILIARY GALS (Lottie VAN DYKE was sure in there 'phoning!) on the big Blood Bank Day held at Blanchard Post on Jan. 13...I bet the DUSTER voted in the minority on having a mid-season banquet (yeah, I voted 'yea') ... and it seems to me that Dan The Giffer 'Coast Guard' LANTZ and Al 'Artillery' PUGLIESE have been awful quiet of late like they are each plotting on how to make their second million dollars . . . do ya suppose those two Infantry guys Bill JOHNSTON and Hugh STOWERS give black looks at guys who talk about Fords and Chevrolets? ... Don 'Engineers' SMITH is still working on those jackets...wonder if Joe PAUQUETTE, Joe CUMMINGS and Bill DONNELLY saw to it that the Thruway got moved all A-1 O.K. ... and I betcha George 'Marines' BUTMAN joins that flock of snow-birds flying South (I really envy every one of youse guys and I hate yez all for being so funky rich!) ... and it seems to me some guy who's initials are Bill 'Tanks' ALWELL told me to say sumpin about Jack 'Artillery' BRADY throwing 2 or 3 gutter balls in one game, but I forgot the night and I don't even know if I have the names correct, so I will not mention it! ... haven't been down to the Post on Friday Night (except for New Year's Eve) for some time now. I'll sure have to get down and see what's going on-sure miss seeing Freda, Gloria and all those other nice gals . . . did ya ever git yer AMERICAN LEGION DECAL for your car? Believe there is some left at the bar—only 10¢

... betcha if ya need a LEGION HAT, Adjutant Ken BURNS can fix ya up... talk about a quick recovery — there's a little item about Bill TOUGHER and his broken ankle and I could swear that I seen this same Bill doing a bit of dancing New Year's Eve (O.K., who's the wise guy who said, "how would you remember, you Rummy?") ... Ed 'Infantry' HANRAHAN and I put our bowling balls in the polishing machine every week. I'm gonna ask Ed if it does any good. It helps me; my ball skids faster than ever . . . Well, that's it for this issue. Give us a read next month and as the fella said, "Thought I was poor 'cause I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet!" —The Gutter Duster

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LEGION GIVES STATEMENT ON POWS

The American Legion has gone on record as strongly opposing plans to tie prisoner releases to definite dates for the withdrawal of all American forces from Vietnam as being "dishonorable, unworkable and deleterious to good strategy and realistic political negotiations."

The Legion's full support on all efforts to get full identification of all American servicemen missing in action and release and repatriation of all prisoners as an initial step and an integral and essential part of any negotiated settlement of the Vietnam conflict, including plans to tie further troop withdrawals on a percentage basis, to the release of prisoners, received unanimous approval of the National Executive Committee.

In a strongly worded resolution the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission stated, in part: "Some segments of American society, led by certain members of Congress propose that the U.S. withdraw all American forces from South Vietnam by a specified date in return for a mere promise to release our prisoners."

In another Foreign Relations resolution on Vietnam concerning the President's policy statement, the NEC went on record as "fully supporting the President's decision to keep necessary numbers of American forces in South Vietnam until the enemy—North Vietnamese, Viet Cong or Pathet Lao—release all of our prisoners-of-war and accounts satisfactorily for all those listed as missing-in-action."

ATTEND
CHURCH
THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

7—Post Affairs meeting at 7:30 p.m.

7—Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

12—Valentine Dance

15—Auxiliary Birthday meeting Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

21—Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

28—Board of Governors

WINDSHIELD WASHING

The best solution to the problem of bug residue, road oils, and other materials which are deposited on vehicle windshields is a mixture of four parts wood alcohol or rubbing alcohol, one part household liquid detergent and five parts of water.

This conclusion was reached by Rodger W. Plaster and Michael A. Ozol of the Virginia Highway Research Council as a result of a series of laboratory tests and a survey of materials used at 218 service stations in Virginia. Liquids used at these stations ranged from water, at 55 percent of the establishments, to a patented ammonia glass cleaner, at five percent. Paper towels were by far the most popular cleaning implement, with other materials reported ranging from detergent towels (very effective) to clean cloth rags, dirty cloth rags, and one solitary instance of a chamois leather.

Needless to say, the results ranged from very good to very bad. In some cases, the cleaning procedure merely rearranged the dirt that was already on the windshield, while in other cases a relatively clean windshield became the repository for the dirt and oil that were originally on the cleaning rag or sponge.

Laboratory tests showed that the organic residue commonly found on car windshields consists of insect skeletons and fluids, grease, oil, rubber, and asphalt, along with minerals such as mica, quartz, clay, feldspar, kaolinite, calcite.

Cleaning agents, rated in order of efficiency were: alcohol-detergent type, and detergent towel (both very good); predominantly detergent type and predominantly alcohol type (both good); ammonia type (fair); silicone emulsion type (poor); and water (very poor).

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ANGLER'S MIXED KEGLERS

With 12 weeks of bowling remaining (can spring be far behind), the teams continue to be bunched with only 10½ games separating top and bottom teams.

Gus Franze's Barracudas have managed to dominate the top spot with Wes Albright's Bullhead's close behind. As of Jan. 16, the standings are:

Barracudas (Franze)39	29
Bullheads (Albright)37	31
Guppies (Mitchell)35	33
Flounders (Mayers)35	33
Perches (Klett)34	34
Piranhas (Korp)32½	$35\frac{1}{2}$
Muskies (Smith)31	37
Smelts (Tougher)28 $\frac{1}{2}$	$39\frac{1}{2}$

Many bowlers seem to be in a winter slump, losing one or two points on their averages recently. High games among the men since last report include: Gus Franze 214/519; Ed Korp 209/513; Joe Marino 194/517; Bill Mitchell 192; and Frank DiSanto 508.

The ladies' high scores are as follows: Grace Franze 176/484; Pat LeMatre 173/454; Millie Albright 171/471; Peg Korp 169; Belle Mayers 168; Mildred Harris 159; and Marie McMillen 154.

It was nice to see Gerry Klett and Bill Tougher (with foot in cast), cheering their team on to victory recently. Hurry back both of you.

This secretary, who by the way did get those new shoes, has been very busy knitting and being very quiet??? so she has not picked up any tid-bits—beware next month!

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Dr. Stan Klett was happy he won \$25 for doing nothing. Having held the winning ticket pulled from Matt Fitzgerald's "bottomless pit." The remaining \$42.00 went to the child welfare fund.

Dues: There were 479 paid-up members. Your \$5 dues may be mailed to Harry Wendel. It is hoped all 1957 dues will be paid within the next month—sound familiar, Joe?

Dance: Saturday, Feb. 16, will be the date of our Valentine Day Dance. No admission price; hamburgers and coffee will be served. Matt Fitzgerald, chairman; committee: Given Hynds, George Catlin and Austin Cline.

Mardi Gras Dance: Saturday, Mar. 2. Annual Costume Party. \$.50 assessment for the few who can't come in costume. Chairman, Bill Johnston; committee: Joe Von Ronne, Clayt Smith, Bill Segor, George Butman, Bud Mosmen and Al Greenwood.

Earl McGuirk, Jr. is recuperating from injuries received in an airplane crash.

Legion Seeks Legislation For Unemployed Veterans

The American Legion is seeking legislation to provide a system of payments for unemployed veterans in which the minimum amount, duration and eligibility would be determined on a uniform basis without reference to state unemployment insurance laws.

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