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FATHER AND SON DAY BASEBALL GAME

June 19 is a special request day the Post will inaugurate — the initial Father and Son baseball day with a trip to Shea Stadium in New York City on “Helmet Day” game with the Mets meeting the Philadelphia Phillies. The Yankee Trailways air conditioned bus will depart Elsmere at the Post parking lot at 8:15 in the morning with 39 members and sons and guys with anticipation for a day at the game.

Sandwiches and soda will be served on the bus as long as the total \$11.00 per passenger charge holds up. (The ticket to the game is included in Section 26 at Shea.) The sun will shine, we are sure, but if the game is called en route to the game, we'll have an afternoon in New York City.

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20 Week Club

This annual dinner was held April 17 and is always the one big event of our Post, where we give away money—that is, to the lucky winner. Dinner was roast beef and the music provided by Francis Murphy's Orchestra. Everyone enjoyed the cooking by Hank Voorhees and Bob Gentner. These fellows never miss!

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Dalton
Sidney M. Kaplan
Philip Lee
Paul D. Nelson
Hugh W. Stowers

Voting will be held on the first Post meeting in May.

40th ANNUAL PAST COMMANDERS DINNER HELD AT BLANCHARD

The 40th Annual Past Commanders Dinner of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post—American Legion, was held on April 24 at the Post Rooms, Elsmere.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the Outstanding Legionnaire Award and honoring of other Post members for community service.

Speaker for the event was Miss Helen Hobbie, Principal of Bethlehem Central High School and herself a veteran of World War II.

Hugh W. Stowers was the chairman of arrangements and Richard P. Dalton served as toastmaster.

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spin,
And I practically live on aspirin.
The moral is—as this tale is told,
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★ AUXILIARY NEWS

BY MAY SMITH

President Marcia Rosenfield
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Thank you Barbara Palmer for being chairman of the waitresses at the Blue and Gold Cub Scout Dinner on February 23. A thank you to all her helpers: Ruth Burns, Ann Carroll, Betty Costigan, Dorothy Ennis, Norrene Giacone, Diane Grasser, Laura Howard, Janet Johnson, Mary Kaplan, Bernice Lawson, Ann Lee, Marcia Nelson and Edna Rooney.

Thank you Mrs. Vincent O'Leary of Berwick Road, Elsmere and the Brownie Troop under her guidance who made eight dozen cookies which were given to the nursing home care unit at the VA Hospital.

A great big thank you and appreciation for those who cleaned the closet at the Post. They were Ruth Burns, Shirley LaMoy, Marcia Rosenfield and Joan Stowers.

Notice the new Auxiliary Tri-Pod for Publicity and Communications? It was designed and constructed by John Brady for use by Communications Chairman, Standing Committee Chairman and any Special Events Chairman, provided they are cleared through the Unit President. A big thank you to John Brady.

The annual Back to God Breakfast was held at the Post on April 4, and the following workers were: Alice Bohrer, Peg Butman, Dorothy Ennis, Marcella Gorman, Margaret Haeusser, Kay Mosmen, Peg Mosmen, Isabelle Stockman and Grace Von Ronne.

The American Legion Auxiliary Albany County Dinner in honor of Mrs. Herman Harrington (Ann), Department President, was held March 29 at our Post. Other guests were Third District Chmn., Mrs. Francis Dempsey (Mary), Third District Vice Chmn., Mrs. Elliott Brainard, Past Dept. President, Maud Hafley and Chapeau 8 & 40 Albany Salo No. 121, Mrs. Arthur Keough.

The program consisted of introduction of distinguished guests, introduction by Maud, County Chaplain, welcome by Mrs. S. Mintline (Helen), dinner chmn. The honored guest Ann spoke on "Who is a Soldier" and then Sophie Kaminski, County Chairman, presented Ann with a gift of "greenbacks" put together in the shape of a butterfly which was green and yellow in keeping with the spring-like decorations. The program closed with a benediction.

The menu of roast beef was served by the Caldron of Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto.

Albany County Officers are Sophie Kaminski, County Chairman; Winnie Di Mizio, First Vice Chairman; Helen Reynolds, Second Vice Chairman; Evelyn Gilligan, Recording Secretary; Ruth Fritz, Corresponding Secretary; Jerrine Kane, Treasurer; Helen Mintline and Loretta Bardelli, Sergeants-at-Arms.

The Cancer Control collections was a success, thanks to all who contributed material as well as time and efforts.

After Commander John Ennis secured the containers from Robert Darby at the Sterling Winthrop, Marcia Rosenfield cleaned and painted them blue, trimmed with gold and American Legion decals

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were applied. Ollie and Barbara Palmer and May Smith distributed the containers with a poster affixed to each. Marcia Rosenfield and May Smith collected the material from the containers throughout the week.

All of the material had to be sorted (some washed) and put into boxes and weighed. This was done by Della Brady, Marcia Rosenfield and Marcia Turner.

The containers were returned to the Legion by Norrine Cook and Barbara Palmer and are stored for future use.

Commander John Ennis will deliver the 27 boxes or 475 pounds to Mrs. Charles McIntosh, Dressing Committee Chairman, at the Schenectady Friendly Red Door.

A Card Party and Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, May 4 at 8 p.m. Della Brady is the Chairman. In charge of fashions by Montgomery Wards is Mary Kaplan; hostesses, President Marcia and Betty Costigan; ticket chairmen, Gwen Grasser and Diane Grasser; door prizes, Marcia Turner; table prizes, Maud Hafley; tallies and pencils, Marcia Rosenfield; refreshments, Ruth Burns, Lenore Smith and May Smith; posters, John and Della Brady, Marcia Rosenfield and May Smith. Donation is \$1.25.

Additional new members are Betty Cremans, Peg Korp, Al Merritt, Peggy Pulfer and Barbara Riggins, bringing the total to 177.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Helen Reynolds on the death of her mother, Mrs. Downing; and to Eva Kohinke on the death of her father, Mr. Pierson.

Refreshment Chairman Shirley LaMoy thanks the following who helped serve and clean up at the covered dish supper on March 16: Ruth Burns, Joan Stowers and Betty Treiling.



AUXILIARY CALENDER

- TUESDAY, May 4 — Card Party and Fashion Show.
- WEDNESDAY, May 12—VAVS Dinner and Administrative Awards.
- SATURDAY, May 15—Dept. President Homecoming Dinner — Rensselaer.
- TUESDAY, May 18—Election of officers
- WEDNESDAY, May 19 — Poppy Day, also VAVA dinner for volunteers.
- SATURDAY, May 22 — Third District Conference at Red's Restaurant.

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	Pins	Games	Av.
1 Unser R	9319	54	172
2 Loftus E	13826	81	170
3 Andre M	11582	69	167
4 Berry W	13847	84	164
5 Bender R	12847	78	164
6 Larkin S	13161	81	162
7 Lenseth R	5832	36	162
8 Mitchell W	11151	69	161
9 Lantz G	13000	81	160
10 Pugliese A	11379	71	160
11 Johnston W	11505	72	159
12 Tangora A	12375	78	158
13 Aupperle J	11655	75	155
14 Beckmann A	10678	69	154
15 Volk W	10632	69	154
16 Hanrahan E	11906	78	152
17 Foy T	10313	69	149
18 Roach W	11978	81	148
19 Eagan V	11109	78	148
20 Brady J	12384	84	147
21 Pauquette J	10635	72	147
22 Roach D	11419	78	146
23 Cole R	8349	57	146
24 Mosmen B	10025	69	145
25 Buker F	9435	66	143
26 Haker J	11088	78	142
27 Bollman E	9708	69	140
28 Butman G	8846	66	140
29 Alwell W	10874	78	139
30 Wiley C	11389	84	135
31 McCabe L	9287	69	134
32 Burns K	11035	84	131
33 Campbell W	7888	60	131
34 Monette L	10027	81	124
35 Fanning J	8349	69	121
36 McDermott J	8925	75	119
37 Stowers H	8687	84	103

Team Standings

	Points	W	L	%
Engineers	65	50	34	.595
Marines	64	49	35	.583
Infantry	63	47	36	.566
Coast Guard	57	43	40	.518
Artillery	52	36	48	.429
Army	50	39	45	.464
Tanks	48	38	46	.452
Navy	46	33	50	.398

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ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE HELD
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1971 AT
THE BAVARIAN CHALET

THE EXTRA FRAME

And congratulations to President Dick "Army" COLE who also joins the ranks of the retired. Happy years to you and Lucille, Dick! . . . and in naming the Past Commanders in the last issue of the 1040 Times we mentioned only Blanchard Post and neglected to name our Memorial Day Parade Cadence-Counter Milt "Coast Guard" ANDRE who is a Past Commander of Fort Orange Post . . . and how about Ye Editor Bill "I shoulda won a shoulder patch" ALWELL hitting 17 straight spares! I bet that it set a Sporthaven record for the year! . . . and don't forget to mention to possible recruits for our league next season that it is a league for all ages from 19-year-old Doug "Marines" ROACH up to the age of ??? Who wants the league seniority in the age department? . . . and the flack goes up that our Annual Bowling League Banquet will be 5/22/71 at the Bavarian Chalet for which, I'm sure, we all shout a hearty "huzzah!" . . . and have you ever noticed that Tom "the Super-Duper Scooper" FOY trades the heavy Friday night bowling ball for the lighter Saturday morning basketball at St. Thomas' School Gym . . . and what a trio of bowlers are in the Post Color Guard — Hughie STOWERS, Jack McDERMOTT and Ken BURNS. They are going to ask a fourth member of the Color Guard from the league Jack BRADY to teach them how to shoot the bowling pins with rifles . . . and how about John "Tanks" HAKER winning that "Health Week" high single with a big, fat 241! . . . and it looks like Walt "Engineers" BERRY cracked the 600 triple mark for the league during this season while Skip "ya gotta roll the ball" LARKIN holds that high single with 246 (sounds like a good policy number!) . . . if the last two Commanders are examples we'll have a new league recruit in Commander John ENNIS next season . . . ya ask, "what's the buzz?" — I'll tell ya this Cuz, that as of 3/5/71 it looks like Bill "Navy" JOHNSTON might win some Hi-Lo money this year 'cause Fred "I always go wild when there's money involved" BUKER could very well be his partner! . . . hope to tell you how we made out at the Cortland State Legion Tourney in the May or June issue . . . Anyone who reads this column and may not be league bowlers, you know the welcome mat is out for you—contact any member in the league, Post officers or Post Steward and they will gladly refer your name to the right party—the only trouble is some blue-nosed Nipper restricted the league to men and I think it's a schmaltzy idea too, but sorry gals, that's it . . . and don't forget to come back to read us next month and remember, "It matters not how you played the game, but who won or lost!" (a bit of a paraphrase). *the Gutter Duster*



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OVERHEARD AT THE FOUNTAIN . . .

Is Al Beckmann (now Bill?) the chairman for the annual Blanchard Post Golf Tournament — Tip Nelson nominated and voted him in all at the same time.

Did they take the shrimp away from Big Bill Mitchell at the shuffle board dinner — Jack Brady, his old buddy, said this is true!

Excerpts of letter from George Laird

Thanks for sending the 1040 *Times*. I was sorry to learn that Jim Blendell had died. We did get some of the local scutlebutt recently from two sets of callers whom we were delighted to see — the Beckmanns and the Coles. Perhaps before the season ends, some other Delmar folk will drop by. I may not be able to mix as good a drink as Artie Quinn, but I can mix them as fast and as often — and cheaper, too.

It's good to be down here at this time of the year, because as you know, the Yankees' training camp is nearby and one can just *feel* the greatness that that team exemplifies. The fact that they have lost a couple of spring training games doesn't mean a thing, of course. Please point this out to Joe Cummings and Fred Vogel and all the other keen observers of the sport parade.

I've had a couple of insulting letters from Tip Nelson, enclosing some local intelligence — although I suspect if actually there was any intelligence enclosed it came from Marcia rather than Tip.

Well, this is it for now. We're going to Ft. Lauderdale tonight, then golf on the morrow, then three cocktail parties in a row — interspersed with walking the beach, swimming in the sea and taking a casual glance at college girls who at this time of the year give the area an added something that is difficult to describe adequately to anyone else—especially an old goat like you (Bill, that is).

Cheers to the gang there and we'll be seeing you sometime within the next few months. Marge sends her love to all also.

George

**FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG
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11 BETHLEHEM MEN IN VIETNAM TO BE FETED

The "Committee That Cares" of Delmar will hold the fourth annual "Family Night" which honors residents of the community who are serving in Vietnam.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m., May 6, at the Blanchard Post.

According to Alexander J. Woehrl, 377 Wellington Road, Delmar, chairman of the committee, packages are sent to the men in the armed forces in Vietnam by the committee. Also honored by the committee, although not sent packages, is Major Richard A. Bibbey who was listed as "missing in action" after his disappearance while on an air rescue mission in North Vietnam, Feb. 6, 1967.

The following men are from the Bethlehem-Delmar area who are serving in Vietnam and who will be honored during "Family Night."

Spec. 5 David Anderson, Navy Fireman Dennis Biechman, A1C Thomas Dawson, PFC Michael L. Karl, Spec. 5 Bradford S. King, First Lt. Brian Klim, Capt. Peter F. Pelone, PFC Peter F. Rosman, PFC Raymond W. Smith, First Lt. Donald Studler, and Capt. Alfred Woodworth.

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Remember

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is an editorial from a recent issue of the ELKS magazine, and I feel it is well worth reprinting in our Post paper.

We often hear it asserted that change is vital to progress, a proposition that only the unwary will accept at face value, yet one that nevertheless has gained widespread acceptance in recent years. Change must not be accepted uncritically, no matter who advocates it, but should be supported only if it appears reasonably likely to be for the better.

The radical changes that have occurred in contemporary life and that are continuing to occur are nowhere more evident than in our manners, our fashions and in our morals. The question is whether these changes have produced an improvement in the human condition.

It's a long way from the few-seconds time limit on kisses imposed by the Hays office on movie producers to the sex, nudity and perversion paraded across the silver screen in today's skin flicks. Change? What else, but is it good? Young and old are deluged with sex from newspapers, magazines, radio, television, movies, stage and books of the grossest vulgarity and "utterly without redeeming social value," to quote one of the three criteria cited by the U. S. Supreme Court in its decision that opened the floodgates to the current orgy.

There are those who promise that the pornography bath will cleanse our minds and souls of those horrid old Puritan inhibitions that have tormented us so long, and then we will live happily ever after. Perhaps, but meanwhile, what are we going to do about the staggering increase in smut and dope and the other manifestations that either the cure isn't working out as intended or that it is going to take a lot longer than expected.

Change is all too visible in the decline of manners, in the ordinary courtesy which, because it is based on consideration for others, benefits everyone. As Emerson wrote, manners make for happiness. It's just possible that Saint Paul had the right slant when he advised the Corinthians that "evil communications corrupt good manners."

Rampant extremism is not confined to the ideological arena. It has also overwhelmed the world of fashion along with the arts and for that matter most areas of human activity. There was once a time when extreme styles were taken up by a mere handful of devotees of the outré. Today these are approaching if indeed they do not already constitute a majority, and that includes a lot of people over 30. Individualism is a wonderful thing, and we are for it. So, too, is a little regard for the fitness of things.

It strikes us that the time is now for a change — a change to good manners, good taste and good morals.

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they just stop developing.
- Old actors never die,
they just act that way.
- Old lawyers never die,
they just lose their appeal.
- Old travelers never die,
they just lose their grip.
- Old fatties never die,
they just eat away.

By William Zangranda

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We Are Going To Do It Again

Next September 18, we are going to run a Father and Son bus to West Point to see Army play Stanford University. Price and time later but keep the day open and watch the notice on the Post bulletin board.



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