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1st Vice-Commander:

Commander: George R. Schreck 2nd Vice-Commander: Harry Wendel Morton Lilly

3rd Vice-Commander: Finance Officer:

Paul Devio Wayne Stearns

Adjutant:

Raymond Brownell

MEETINGS: Regular Meeting - Monday, March 4th, 8:30 P.M.

Executive Meeting - Monday, March 11th.

Regular Meeting - Monday, March 18th, 8:30 P.M.

This is OLD-TIMERS NIGHT, and the 38th anniversary of the birth of the American Legion will be celebrated. More than one hundred charter members and oldtimers of Blanchard Post are expected at this affair. Otto DeHeus, Harold Barkhuff, Earl McGuirk, Norm Bender and Howard Paddock and many others will participate in this unusual program. The Old Timers will put on a show for the membership to recall the trials and tribulations, some humorous and some sad, that were faced in organizing the post, and acquiring and moving the school building to its present site at Elsmere and Herber Avenues. A real laugh riot is in store for you. DON'T FORGET the Albany County American Legion meeting at Blanchard Post, Thursday,

February 28th. All post members are invited and urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

MARDI GRAS, SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND is the outstanding costume party of the year in the Capital District. We hope you have been planning your costume, and if you think you look silly, be reminded that you will have plenty of company. We can't mention all of the prizes, but here are some: Two tickets to the 1955 World Series, three one way tickets on a cattleboat bound for Tibet, a 1922 Ralph Butler calendar, and two rear wheels with tires for a Stutz Bearcat. People scheduling anything else for this evening will be required to report for cleanup detail Sunday after Church.

THE ANNUAL GO TO CHURCH BREAKFAST will be held at the Post at 8:00 A.M., Sunday March 10th. Tickets are \$1.25, and George Butman is the chairman. The principal speaker will be Rev. Lawrence Heuchart of the new lutheran church in Delmar.

DUES: Harry Wendel is hopping mad. We have 516 paid-up members, including 65 new ones, and we need more to hit the quota. Harry's address is 69 Palmer Avenue, Delmar, and we urge you to send him a \$5.00 check as soon as possible so that your membership will remain active. Dues can also be paid to any of the officers.

The DRAWING at the February 18th meeting was won by Bill Johnston, and the amount was \$14.00 A similar amount was deposited in the Child Welfare Fund. These attendance prize tickets sell for 25¢ or five for \$1.00, and the prospective winner must be at the meeting to claim the prize.

Our BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 presented an interesting program at the February 18th. meeting. The Post, as their sponsor, presented them their charter for the coming year. We are all proud of this troop and their accomplishments. At the last summer camp, the boys took all the first prizes and came away with fifteen puptents.

A BASEBALL NIGHT was held February 25th to honor our Legion Junior Baseball Team. The boys and their dads were invited, along with the coaches, and world series and spring training films were shown. Geoff Davis, Yankee baseball announcer, was the principal speaker. The boys were given T-shirts, and refreshments were served. More news of this very important Legion program will come out in later issues when the new season begins.

A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMITTEE has been appointed by Commander Bob Schreck. We list below the names and functions of these committee members.

Fred Dearstyne Purchasing of

Purchasing of supplies pertaining to the bar.

George Butman

Supervision of the kitchen, including kitchen employees.

Bill Segur

Procurement of volunteer bar help.

Harold Barkhuff and

Otto DeHeus

Supervision of building and equipment.

Bill Johnston

Coordination of all events and calendar book dates.

Joe Von Ronne

Special assistant to each of the above divisions.

Bill Johnston, Joe Von

Ronne, and Harold

To set up operating procedure for use as a guide for future chairmen of special events,

such as dances and dinners.

Harold Williams and

Bill Johnston

Williams

Spokesmen for special House Committee at Executive meetings in absence of individual committee members.

SEE YOU AT THE MARDI GRAS !!!!

Editorial Staff:

Herb Drew, Harold Williams, and Ed Waldron.