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DELMAR, NEW YORK



MARCH 1960

REORGANIZATION

Except for a lone dissenter, the revised Constitution and By-Laws presented to an unusually large turn-out of members at the Feb. 1st meeting was enthusiastically adopted by a vote of 52 to 1. The single objector was Charley Wiley who, by expressing his protest to the changes, served to inspire strong expressions of approval for the changes from several past commanders and others at the meeting.

The new Constitution and By-Laws read at the mid-January meeting replaces the 30-year old document by which the Post was operated since it was constituted. Its chief author is Attorney George Wenger, the Post Judge Advocate.

The main feature of the new Constitution is that it sets up two bodies. One, a Board of Directors, will be responsible for the business management of the Post and the other, Post Affairs Committee, will concern itself with the "conduct of such affairs of the Post as will further the purposes and principles of the American Legion". The present Executive Committee is eliminated. Post Affairs Committee will include the Commander, three Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer and such chairmen of standing committees as the Commander shall designate. The Commander and Finance Officer will also be members of the Board but the Commander cannot be the Board chairman. The move for a change in the Constitution was begun by Commander Greenwood who felt the need for a reorganization to properly manage the business affairs of the Post and at the same time advance the principles of the American Legion.

With the growth of membership in the Post in recent years it was becoming increasingly evident that the original Constitution could not be adequately followed.

This fact was warmly pronounced by Otto de Heus, one of the authors of the original Constitution, in his seconding remarks for adoption of the revised rules. He said "back in the early Thirties—during prohibition—when we put our present Constitution together we looked to the future then for a place where we aging World War I veterans would have a place to come to and play checkers and chat. But things and times have changed considerably since then..."

Herb Drew, recalling the problems during his term of Commander two years ago, expressed strongly his reasons for he need in changing the Constitution. His comments centered around the Executive Committee meetings and the limits of the Commander in getting that groups decision on important matters affecting the Post.

The task of preparing for the change-over of the Constitution was headed up by William Hazel who last November was named chairman of a 12-man committee to handle the matter.

His resolution calls for the change in resolutions to take effect on June 1 this year. The resolution was seconded by Ed Condon. Also, an ardent advocate for the revision was another Blanchard charter member, Conrad Gander.

Interest in the constitutional change is credited with bringing about the largest turnout for a regular meeting in some time. Ten percent of the total recorded membership were counted in the room at one time. All of the 60-odd present could not wait for the vote call. These figures are also significant in the light of the large number of members who are not residents in the Post area.

Another interesting development in this matter will be the election of the first Board of Directors under the new Constitution. Commander Greenwood will have the responsibility to appoint a nominating committee and chairman. This Committee this year will have the task of selecting a complete slate of Directors to replace all current Executive Committee members. In addition, the usual Post officers will have to be chosen. The membership will have its opportunity to nominate from the floor.

**HIT THE
BULL'S EYE**
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COMING EVENTS

MAR. 7 — Regular monthly meeting — **OLD TIMERS NIGHT**—The Knickerbocker News Editor Dave Beetle, speaker. Refreshing period to follow.

MAR. 14—Executive Committee meets.

MAR. 19—St. Patrick's Irish Ball for all — TV awards.

MAR. 21—Mid-monthly meeting. Refreshments to follow.

MAR. 27—Back-to-God Breakfast at the Post from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Reverend Phelps will speak.

MAR. 31—County Committee Meeting.

APR. 2 — Past Commanders Dinner and Dance.

APR. 18—Father and Son Night meeting. Film "Time to Go".

OLD TIMERS NIGHT

Chairman Ralph Butler has called on Knick-News Editor Dave Beetle to report on his tour of Russia last fall to give the Old Timers, and young ones, too, a behind-the-Red-Curtain peek. This is the special treat Ralph has lined up for the Old Timers at the annual meeting on Monday, March 7th.

To make this a good turn-out, Ralph is setting up a phone campaign to remind the Old Timers who may not get this notice in time to mark their calendars for that night.

All Blanchard members are urged to attend this regular meeting which, after the call to order, Commander Greenwood will turn it over to Chairman Butler for the balance of the evening. As usual, refreshments will be served afterwards.

Welcome, New Members

The following applications for membership in Blanchard Post have been approved: Kenneth G. Gamble, Navy vet of Delmar; Daniel G. Lantz, Navy, Slingerlands; Michael R. Mele, Army, Albany; William J. Quirk, Jr., Army, Elsmere; and Floyd Van Zandt, Army Signal Corps, Albany.

Membership Chairman Aupperle is credited with three of these new members and one each for Dick Dalton and Rog Di Nucci, himself a recently joined member of the Post.

HAVE YOU RECRUITED ANY NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR POST?

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 Wayne Davis

WANTED:
Chips With The Old Blocks!

Meeting Program Chairman Frederick Vogel is arranging for a special program at the mid-monthly meeting on April 18.

For that night he asks that members who have them, bring their pre-draft age sons for a special showing of a film entitled "Time To Go". This 23-minute movie is an excellent documentary on the preparations and processing the young lad goes through for induction under the Selective Service System.

This meeting will be open to guests of members who will be interested in this subject, directly or indirectly. Fred believes that showing this film for the community is another service you and the Legion do for the public good.

Let this notice be a reminder to mark your calendar for this date.

Sick Call

Charlie Wiley reports that Martin Watson, while enroute south for a vacation, suffered a stroke at Richmond, Va. and is home now. Also reported sick is Fred Simpson.

BLOOD COUNT — UP

The January campaign to increase the Post's Blood Bank paid off nearly 300% thanks to these blood donors: Pat Ashton, Jules Aupperle, Ed Blockside, Fred Buker, Bob Carpenter, Whitman Daniels, Wayne Davis, Russ Denegar, Charles Joyce, Dick Lenseth, Paul Nelson and Bob Woods.

From a balance of seven units, the Bank rose to 19 units from which four units were transferred to fulfill one request — leaving a balance presently of fifteen units.

While the balance is more than before it is still far below a comfortable reserve — which should be kept at 50 to 100 credits. Several of the aforementioned dozen names have given blood for this Bank previously. Surely there are among those who read this article others who can also donate. You are urged to do so not only for the good will of the Post but more important you do not know that some day you may have to call on this Bank.

At the last Executive Committee meeting it was determined that there be a set of rules established to guide future credits and debits in the Bank. Commander Greenwood is seeking a member who is willing to take on this work. Perhaps one of you will volunteer your time and effort for this important work.

Cheer Spreaders

Another successful event in Blanchard's program for this year was the Indoor Sports Party on the afternoon of Saturday, February 2nd. The Post was host to forty-four guests who don't, because of their physical limitations, get around to parties as much as most of us do. Our guests were treated to the music of Jimmy Williams and Mrs. Angel Feiden and the Post's Auxiliary took care of the refreshment portion of the program.

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To answer some inquiries about this subject: to obtain it apply to Insurance Dept., American Legion, P. O. Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

In New York State the Legion has an arrangement with the U. S. Life Insurance Co. of New York City. The insurance is an annual renewable term without cash value or similar benefits. In applying for this you must give your Legion Dues Card number issued for the calendar year. The policy has a commencement date of Jan. 1. The premium is \$12 a year. There are six classes for the policy which operates on a decreasing term principle paying the maximum for the younger age groups and death at 65 or after, pays \$250. The policy terminates at age 65. Rehab chairman Fred Buker has obtained application from the National Headquarters for this program.

VACATION DAYS AHEAD

Members interested in an Adirondack vacation at the Legion operated vacation resorts should contact Joe Von Ronne. Commander Greenwood has named him Chairman of the Post's unit of The Mountaineers, Inc. This is the organization which sponsors membership for \$1 which is used toward upkeep and maintenance of a recuperation area for Legionnaires at Tupper Lake. In addition, it maintains summer resorts at Tupper and Horseshoe Lakes for Legion members and their families as well as a Women's Infirmary. Resort rates are \$8.50 a day. Reservations should be made early. However, if you are in the vicinity of the camps you can stop off for a visit and perhaps refreshments.

BACK TO GOD BREAKFAST

The Reverend George H. Phelps of the Delmar Presbyterian Church will be the speaker at the Post's Back to God Breakfast, set for Sunday, March 27th. The Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. Bill Johnston is chairman for the occasion. Price is \$1 per plate. Members are urged to attend and bring with them their sons and male guests to participate in this spiritual movement before or after attending the church services of their choice. Although the Breakfast will be for all males, it will be prepared and served by the Auxiliary for which Maude Hafley is chairman.

Past Commanders Dinner

Commander Greenwood has appointed his immediate predecessor, Dick Lenseth Chairman for the Past Commanders Dinner, set for Saturday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

We now have about 30 past commanders and it is expected that dinner arrangements will be available for seventy couples. So, first come, first served with reservations. For them—get in touch with Dick. Dancing follows the dinner.

Play Ball!

Dick Dalton has been named by Commander Greenwood to manage the Post's team for the coming season. Dick reports there are sixteen boys lined up for the games and he is highly optimistic about the team's prospects. His playing material, he says, is good—but the uniforms and equipment is in need of some replacements. It is hoped that by the time the season begins this matter will be ship-shape.

BULL'S EYE IN VIEW

Membership Chairman Aupperle reports as of mid-February we had 463 paid-up members for '60. This includes five of the newest members. It places the Post 159 short of its current quota and 175 short of its last year's quota of 638 members.

To hit the Bull's Eye, the second billing notice is in the process of being mailed. To those of you to whom one is addressed, you are urged to keep Blanch-

ard's membership record-breaking intact. You can do this by quickly forwarding your \$5 dues for this year to *Julius Aupperle, 4 Wiggand Drive, Glenmont, New York*. Or mail or bring your dues payment to the Post and let this portion of your 1040 TIMES serve as your billing notice to be returned with your dues. Your name and address on the reverse side of this item should be checked by you before sending it in with your dues.

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ARTILLERY KEGLERS BOOM

From near bottom to near top of the bowling league for the Artillery five is the highlight of this month's bowling report. Results at press time are:

Capt.	Team	Won	Lost
Clayt Smith	Marines	44	19
Dick Cole	Artillery	35	28
Al Greenwood	Infantry	32½	30½
Walt Berry	Tanks	32	31
Bill Johnston	Coast Guard	30	33
Frank Walsh	Engineers	29	34
Jules Aupperle	Navy	28	35
Frank Denson	Army	21½	41½

Frank Walsh has high league average of 183; Infantry high team single with 966; and Artillery high triple of 2525.

The Bowling Committee has set up three classes for competition. Class A finds Admiral Wickert at top with 241 high single and Frank Walsh, 673 high triple; Class B has Ed Loftus with high single, 241; Doc Stan Klett high triple of 533; Class C shows Ralph Butler with 221 high single and Dave Blanchard in for the high triple of 539. The league's schedule runs into mid-April.

The Bowling Committee is also arranging to send two five-man teams to represent Blanchard Post at the Legion's Department Tournament in Newburgh late this month. Several members of the teams are also expected to participate in the non-team classes.

HIGHER EDUCATION

(Wayne Davis prepared this item and tells us that soon we should have a report on American Legion scholarships).

More than 500 four-year college scholarships in the field of medicine are available from the National Foundation Health Scholarships. These pay \$500 per year for a total of \$2,000.

The purpose is to help selected students prepare for careers as nurses, occupational or physical therapists, medical social workers or doctors.

To qualify the applicants must be United States citizens, high school graduating seniors interested in these careers or college sophomores aiming for medical social work, or college undergraduates accepted for admission to approved schools of medicine.

This year awards will be made only to students who have been accepted to an accredited college or university for the academic year 1960-61. Students may file applications for scholarships pending acceptance for admission from such a college or university. Academic record, personal qualifications, professional promise and financial need are the basis for selection.

Application blanks are available at: The National Foundation Health Scholarships, 800 Second Ave., New York 17, N. Y. or perhaps your school guidance counselor may have the necessary forms.

COLOR TV HERE

The color TV for which tickets are being sold is already installed at the Post. This came about by a special meeting of the Executive Committee which recommended an immediate purchase of a special buy. This recommendation was approved at the February first meeting.

Now to pay for the set — TV Ticket Chairman Dick Lenseth wants a meeting of his Lieutenants at the March 7 meeting, at which time he wants a turn-in of all cash received by then as well as any unsold tickets before the final drive of selling tickets, preliminary to the drawing for the portable TV winners at the St. Patrick's Dance on March 19th.

STOREKEEPS, NOTE!

Blanchard members who have their own retail stores may be interested in a service your Post is inaugurating for you. You may have, at some time, noticed in your AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE the emblem of the Legion's *Retail Advisory Council*. These emblems are available for Legionnaires who own and operate their own retail stores. The purpose of the emblem is to identify you as a Legionnaire and it brings you and your store into a nationwide program sponsored in the interests of Legionnaire retailers. More important, there is no charge. All that is required is to ask your Adjutant for an application which is to be filled out and returned to the LEGION MAGAZINE.

SUCCESSFUL ICE CARNIVAL

With 125 area children taking part, the Post's Ice Carnival on Joe Von Ronne's pond on February 2nd was marked as a big hit. It's so good that George Butman, the Chairman, wants to see it made an annual Post event.

Prize winners in the several races were Cindy Starkweather, Joe Igoe, Sharon Lephart, Ann Kern, Mike Lephart and Eric Gamble. The fancy figure skating exhibitions put on by Maxine Adams and Byron Warner were added treats for the occasion.

Commander Greenwood and Chairman Butman give their thanks to all members of the committee who made this such a huge success.

Memorial Day Committee

Comdr. Greenwood has named an 8-member committee headed by George Putman to arrange for the Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies. Aides to chairman Butman are Harold Barkhuff, Norman Bender, Dr. Stanley Klett, Herbert Drew, William Johnston, Jr., Jesse Turner and Henry Voorhees.

This year this holiday comes on a Monday. You are being advised about it now so that you can plan your schedule to participate in the program which has become traditionally a great event annually in the Town of Bethlehem.

POST ACTIVITIES

Given Hynds, Chairman

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE and TELEVISION DRAWING

The St. Patrick's Day Dance will be held March 19, 1960. The Chairman is Mike Norton, aided by Jim Fanning, Walt Waterbury, Jr. and Dick Lenseth. Dancing will begin at 10:00 p.m. as per usual and last until 2:00 a.m. Sometime during the course of the evening, the drawing for the portable TV and transistor radio will take place. Dick Lenseth is in charge of the TV drawing.

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Commander Al Greenwood and Vice Commander Given Hynds wish to give special thanks to the Chairman and Committee and their wives for the good job they did in decorating the ballroom and cooking hamburgs for the Valentine Dance.

The Chairman: Moessners—Warren and Ronnie

The Committee: Shermans—Ted and Freda

Otises—Maurice and Casey

Loudises—Joe and Marge

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It has come to my attention that there are members who do not approve of the method that we have for trying to finance a part of the cost of the dances which cost well over \$100.00 apiece. This method is to have a drawing for a prize or prizes at a few of these dances. There are a few other ways to get financial help: charge admission, donation box in the foyer, etc. If you have any views on this subject, please write it down, sign your name and give it to me or leave it at the bar. Suggestions without names signed to them will not be considered. Airing your views on matters such as this is for the good of the Legion. We try to please everyone, but in a membership of over 500 it is almost impossible, although sometimes we succeed.

GIVEN S. HYNDS
Vice Commander in
Charge of Activities

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Anyone who would like to head the Easter dance, please contact me. I know that there are a lot of people that would like the opportunity, but are never asked. This will give me a chance to give these people that opportunity.

GIVEN S. HYNDS
Vice Commander in
Charge of Activities

LEGION LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

New York State officials have just concluded a conference with Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, requested by Robert C. Fuller, Parish, N. Y., New York State Commander of the American Legion, at which time The American Legion's entire State Legislative Program was outlined to the Governor. Those in attendance, in addition to the Governor, were Lieutenant Governor Malcolm R. Wilson, George L. Bliss, the Legion's Legislative Committee Chairman, and Maurice Stember, long-time New York State Adjutant of The American Legion. Because of last-minute weather difficulties, Commander Fuller was unable to be present. The conference was held in the Governor's office, 22 W. 55th St., N. Y. City.

Among the items discussed with the Governor was the Korean bonus. The Legion is now sponsoring a resolution which would create a joint Legislative Committee, which Committee would be instructed to secure all data on the cost of such a bonus, as was done when World War 2's bonus was authorized. Other items dealt with the revision of the qualifying period to determine eligibility for blind veterans' annuity, and pending legislation introduced by Senator Peterson which would increase the appropriation now being made by villages for Memorial Day observance. It was also pointed out to the Governor that The American Legion at its last annual State Convention adopted resolutions which stated that it is the Legion's considered judgment that there is a decided need for the continuation of the Veterans Rest Camp at Mount McGregor, New York, and for the continued operation of the Women's Relief Corps Home at Oxford, New York. For several years The American Legion has been pressing for the construction of a new 75-bed wing at the latter Home. The Governor expressed his appreciation to the Legion officials for presenting to him personally its Legislative Program, but reserved comment and otherwise made no commitment.

1. Exemption from Registration as Charitable Organizations under Article 10A of the Social Welfare Law

In both the 1958 and 1959 sessions of the Legislature, we sponsored bills to exempt "a bona fide charitable or non-profit organization of veterans or volunteer firemen or a bona fide auxiliary or affiliate" thereof from the registration and reporting requirements of Article 10A of the Social Welfare Law in any year in which its fund-raising activities are carried on by members "who receive no compensation, directly or indirectly, therefor." Upon the objection of the Dept. of Social Welfare, Governor Harriman vetoed the 1958 bill. When the 1959 bill reached Governor Rockefeller's office, organized charity groups presented vigorous opposition to the Governor's Counsel. In the closing hours of the session, faced with the alternative of another possible veto, we agreed to the substitution of a bill, drafted by the Governor's Counsel, which (1) granted until April 1, 1960 a temporary exemption in the form quoted above and (2) authorized the Governor to appoint "a representative group of consultants" to study the matter and submit recommendations thereon.

The substitute bill was passed and became law. Thereupon, Governor Rockefeller appointed a committee of eight, with Archie E. Albright, of Mt. Kisco, Vice President of the Stauffer Chemical Company, as Chairman. The committee worked on its assignment throughout the fall, and its report was filed with the Governor on January 15th.

While the Committee was in unanimous agreement that the effect of Article 10A and its administration has imposed undue hardships, particularly on small organizations that lack clerical staffs, its members voted 5 to 3 against recommending a specific exemption for organizations of veterans or volunteer firemen, as such. However, if enacted into law, the recommendations in the Committee's report will materially lessen the burden that Article 10A imposes on our Posts and Auxiliary Units.

2. Korean Bonus Resolution

In the 1958 session of the Legislature, there were 25 Korean Bonus bills introduced; in the 1959 session, there were 24. What we are sponsoring is a *Resolution* to create a Joint Legislative Committee, to which all such bills would be referred. This Committee would be instructed to secure the facts and figures on the cost of a Korean bonus, study the pending bills and report back with recommendations—as was done when the World War II bonus was authorized. These Resolutions are in the Senate Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

3. Revision of Qualifying Period to Determine Eligibility for Blind Veterans' Annuity

Whereas Section 122 of the Military Law provides that, among other requirements, a blind veteran must have served for 90 days or more in the Armed Forces "in any war", this bill would require that such period of service shall have either begun or ended within a period of actual hostilities. We have collaborated with the Division of Military and Naval Affairs in the drafting of this bill. It is in the Senate Committee on National Defense and Military Affairs and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

4. Make World War II Veterans and Their Spouses, Widows, and Mothers Eligible for Admission To the Women's Relief Corps Home At Oxford, New York

The Home is unique in that its facilities are limited to married couples or the widows or mothers of eligible veterans. The present list covers only veterans of the Spanish War, the Philippine Insurrection and World War I. In addition to adding World War II veterans, our bill modernizes obsolete terminology, more clearly defines the priority sequences and embraces both male and female veterans and their spouses. It is in the Senate Committee on Public Relief and Welfare and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

5. Increase in Appropriation Permitted to be made by Villages for Memorial Day Observance

This bill would amend Section 32 of the Village Law to permit villages of the first class to appropriate \$1,500 and villages of the second, third and fourth class to appropriate \$1,000 for the observance of Memorial Day. (The present limits are \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.) The bill is in the Senate Committee on Affairs of Villages and in the Assembly Committee on Local Finance.

6. Exclude Veterans' Pensions or Compensations in Determining the Eligibility for State-Aided or City-Aided Public Housing

Whereas Section 156 of the Public Housing Law now excludes social security or private pension payments up to \$75 per month from "probable aggregate annual income", in determining eligibility of families to enter or remain in State or City public housing projects, our bill would provide that veterans' compensation or pension payments and public pension payments would be similarly treated. It is in the Senate Committee on Affairs of Cities and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

7. State-Wide Regulation of Commercial and Business Activity on Memorial Day

In 1957, we sponsored and secured the enactment of Section 86 of the General Municipal Law, so that any city, town or village may regulate the nature of commercial and business activities on Memorial Day and establish penalties for violations. We shall propose a State-wide law on this subject.

8. Restore Pension Benefits for New York City Employees Laid Off While Serving in the Armed Forces in Time of War

We will sponsor an amendment to Section 243 of the Military Law to provide that any member of the New York City Employees' Retirement System who was laid off while absent on service in the Armed Forces during a period of actual hostilities, served therein under honorable conditions, and is now a member of such Retirement System, shall be credited with such period for pension purposes upon paying into the Retirement Fund the amount he would have contributed had he not been so absent.

9. Revise Civil Service Regulations To Permit Attendance at Conventions of Veterans' Organizations

We will seek an amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Civil Service to grant leave with pay to permit attendance at State or National conventions of an established veterans' organization by any public employee who is a war veteran and a bona fide delegate or alternate to such convention.

Mt. McGregor Veterans' Rest Camp

In December, the Governor announced that his budget recommendations would not include funds for the operation of the New York State Veterans' Rest Camp after the current fiscal year. Thereupon, the Department officers filed with the Governor a copy of the Convention resolution which states "it is our considered judgment that there is a decided need" for the continued operation of the Camp. The Governor's budget recommendations were filed with the Legislature last week.

Women's Relief Corps Home, Oxford

While recommending funds for the continued operation of the Women's Relief Corps Home for the present, the Governor's budget message contained a statement that it is contemplated that the Home be converted for use as an annex to the State Hospital at Binghamton in the near future. For several years, the Department has been pressing for the construction of a new 75-bed wing at the Home and the addition of World War II veterans and their spouses, widows, widowers and mothers to the list of those eligible for admission to the Home.

GEORGE L. BLISS, *Chairman*
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