



Ten Forty Times

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MARCH 1962

Chief of Staff to Governor Will Speak at Blanchard

The open-house type of meeting held at Blanchard Post last fall will be resumed again this month with a special program scheduled for the mid-monthly meeting on Monday, March 19.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Major General Almerin C. O'Hara, who is Chief of Staff to the Governor and Commanding General of the New York National Guard and head of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs of the State of New York. He is also a member of our Post.

The General's talk will deal with American foreign policy and how it relates to the military forces of the United States. His remarks will include comments on the necessity for having a strong military capability to thwart the Communist threat.

A namesake, Charles J. O'Hara, is chairman of the arrangements for the mid-March meeting and it is he who is responsible for preparing this enlightening program for Blanchard Post. Business matters for this meeting will be kept to a minimum. Post members may bring relatives, neighbors and friends to the meeting which is scheduled to start soon after 8:30 p.m.

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New York's 5th Avenue will have its parade. Erin will g'braugh. Blanchard Post will have its Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper on Saturday, March 17, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Two green dollars, or its equivalent in U. S. currency, will buy a plateful for each diner, man, woman or child, who attends the supper. After the feasting, the spirit of St. Patrick will be further brightened with the lilt of Irish airs and dance music. A high-spirited committee headed by Richard O'Leneth is preparing for the festive occasion.

EVERY \$ HELPS

Our 1962 fund-raising campaign is underway.

Vice Comdr. Charley Wiley has written to every Blanchard member telling the reason for the call for dough. Since that letter some developments make the need for money urgent. One is the necessity of acquiring a new piano for the social functions that make our Post an asset to the community. Another is to make possible the fulfillment of plans to refurbish and perhaps expand the facilities of the Post's quarters in the very near future.

Like last year, every member of the Post has the opportunity to be active in this fund-raising program. Your quick return of the dollars for the tickets distributed, as well as the stubs that will be used in the drawing for the color TV set, will enable Charley and his committee to determine the progress of the campaign.

New supply of the tickets are available from Art Quinn at the Post or get in touch with Charley Wiley at RO 5-2875, especially if your tickets have not as yet reached you.

OVER THE TOP

A salute to our Vice Comdr. and Membership Chairman Rodger Fryer for going over the quota of 669 paid-up members. On February 10th, Rodger reported to County Membership Chairman Farrell that our Post at that time had gone two beyond the goal. All the credit for this success can't go to Rodger. He has to share it with his wife, Marilyn. To both of them, all Blanchard members this year should be grateful for bringing membership honors to the Post and advancing the cause of the American Legion.

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COMING EVENTS

SAT., MAR. 3—Mardi Gras at the Post Hall, 10:00 p.m.

SAT., MAR. 3—Legion Regional Oratorical Contest at BCHS, 8:00 p.m.

MON., MAR. 5—Regular monthly Post meeting, 8:30 p.m. business session; refreshments to follow.

MON., MAR. 12—Post Affairs meeting, 8:30 p.m.

SAT., MAR. 17—St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper at 6:30 p.m.; dancing at 9:30 p.m.

MON., MAR. 19—Mid-monthly meeting; Major General O'Hara guest speaker, 8:30 p.m.

MON., MAR. 26—Board of Directors to meet at 8:00 p.m.

SUN., APR. 1—Back to God Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.

SAT., APR. 7—Past Commanders Dinner

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Peek-A-Boo

Have your costume and mask ready for Saturday, March 3rd. That's Mardi Gras night at the Post.

There'll be prizes for the best-judged costume. The uncostumed will face a \$1 tariff (for all evening) to pass into the ballroom. This year's party, with more members than ever in the Post, promises to be bigger and better, reports Vice Comdr. and Activities Chairman George Feiden. He says "come and join in the fun before Lent has begun".

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Legion Oratory at BCHS

Through the efforts of our Harold Barkhuff, the American Legion Zone Oratorical Contest will take place at Bethlehem Central Junior High School at 8:15 p.m., Saturday, March 3. This is the same night as the Post's Mardi Gras Party later that evening and Harold is hopeful that as many Blanchard Legionnaires who can do so will attend the Oratory program. This is one of the Legion's important events and deserves your support.

HAVE YOU RECRUITED ANY NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUR POST?

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CHRIS' CORNER

On the third Tuesday in March, which is the 20th, the Auxiliary's regular meeting night, we have a treat in store. Our Community Service Chairman, Ruth Pryor, and President Chris Barkhuff, have arranged to have Bethlehem's Community Ambassador, John Malthouse, tell us of his adventures in Brazil last summer and show us some slides. We have invited the Legion men to be our guests at this meeting. March is the Legion's birthday month—and we want to help them celebrate. President Chris will open the meeting promptly at 8:30 p.m., and since all business will be sidelined for this presentation, she asks that committee chairmen either phone her or hand her a written report of activities for March. The refreshment committee, under the direction of Lee Hurley, with Mary Conner, Esther Cooke, Ruth Dalton, Ann de Heus, Maud Hasley, Kay Mosmen and Helen Quinn assisting, have planned a special treat.

Our Rehabilitation Chairman, Maud Hasley reports the Unit will sponsor a 10th floor dance at the VA Hospital on Friday, March 23. She will require food and workers.

Kay Mosmen is the Auxiliary Chairmen for the Back to God Breakfast on April 1st.

Apologies to June Wilcox. We 'goofed' on who's who for the Spring Card Party, in the February column. June Wilcox, Chairman and Marge Igoe, Co-Chairman for this April 10 card party, report that M. Solomon's will sponsor the fashion show. Elaine Drooz will be commentating. And, don't forget to help with contributions of trading stamps: TV, Plaid, S&H, Triple-S, etc.

Our kitchen committee—Esther Cooke, Maud Hasley and Lee Hurley, with President Chris Barkhuff's help, did a bang-up scrubbing and cupboard-organizing job in the kitchen and are busy restocking dish supplies, etc.

To match the new floor in the Powder Room, look for Auxiliary improvements of new drapes and chair replacement. Ruth Dalton and Jerry Klett are working on this project. Also, Lee Hurley will arrange for cleaning of drapes in the Squad and Meeting Rooms.

Kitty Williams has returned from the hospital and is feeling better, and Mad Lawler has recovered from the flu bug.

VACATION IDEAS

The American Legion National Convention this year takes place Oct. 5-6-7, at Las Vegas, Nevada. To encourage attendance at the Convention, the Department of New York, American Legion, has prepared a 6-day tour, all expenses included, for \$345.00 per person. Any Blanchard Legionnaire interested in this excursion should apply to the Department Adjutant, Maurice Stember at P.O. Box 180, Radio City, New York 19, N.Y.

For a vacation program nearer home, the Department of New York, American Legion, invites all Legionnaires to the Tupper Lake Mountain Camp resort for a day, weekend, or a week. For details about this, contact Bud Mosmen, who is our Legion Mountain Camp Chairman and will soon be seeking members for this Legion program.

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Bowlers to Rochester

The 1962 Department of New York Bowling Tournament gets going this month at Rochester, N. Y. Blanchard Post will have at least one team in the tournament according to our Post Bowling Committee Chairman, Dick Lenseth. Blanchard's League players know all the details about this Department Tournament. Anyone else interested in it should get in touch with Dick or the League Secretary, Charley Wiley.

As of last month, Blanchard's League stood thus: Marines, 55; Tanks, 53; Engineers, 51½; Army, 47; Infantry, 45½; Coast Guard, 43; Artillery, 32; and way down deep, Navy, with 25. Individual honors were held by league leader Ken Stinson, 595 for high triple and by Dick Cole with a 231 high single.

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BASEBALL TROPHY

The fireplace mantle in the Squad Room which is graced by many trophies won for the Post these past three decades has a new adornment. It was given to the Post at a recent Sports Night program, honoring the Post's baseball team which received baseball jackets to mark the occasion. The trophy is the gift of the Metropolitan Loan Company and it bears an inscription citing the Post for encouraging good sportsmanship. Richard Dalton, our baseball chairman, was the recipient of a citation from the County Legion Baseball Committee for his efforts in the Legion's baseball program when the Committee met at our Post last month.

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Pretty Surprise

With no social event on last month's calendar, an unscheduled Valentine's Party was quickly arranged by Vice Comdr. and Activities Chairman George Feiden. He appointed Ray Callagan as chairman for the occasion which took place on Saturday, February 17, and the Post Hall had a colorful Valentine decor prepared by Art Quinn's wife, Helen. Music, directed by Marv Hirschburg, included such unique dances as the Broom Dance, Statue Dance, and others, to add to the merriment.

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SONGS FOR THE LADIES

To help celebrate the Auxiliary's 31st birthday last month, a "Sing Along" program was arranged by Otto de Heus who with his tuneful banjo had the musical support of Don Sauntry and his bass viol and the vocal talents of Merwyn Atwood, Clarence Bates, Ray Brownell, George Butman, Ray Callagan, Jim Fanning, Al Funk, Bert Kohinke, Walter Legg, Dick Lenseth, Art Quinn, Walt Waterbury and Al Woehrl. Jimmy Williams at the piano helped the songsters during rehearsals for the program and Given Hynds served the cause by taping the warm-ups and playing them back so that the singers could improve themselves for their appreciative audience.

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To The Unpaid

Because Blanchard Post has achieved its membership goal, there is no reason for the unpaid-up members to let their membership lapse. This notice should serve as a reminder to about fifty of you who have not paid 1961-62 dues. Do so now so that your continuous membership in the American Legion will not be broken.

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