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EATING-OUTS TO AID POST

What is expected to serve as a money-raiser for the Post and to bring fruitful returns to the purchasers is a Diners' Guide program which has been o.k.'d by the Post Affairs Committee. The originator of the idea for the Post is Harold Barkhuff. Ken Jopp has been named Chairman of the program by Post Commander Rodger Fryer. "This program has served well for Jay Cees and other similar groups in other communities and I am sure it will work for us", Rodger said when telling of the idea.

The operation of the program is simple enough. It calls for the participation by a selected half-dozen eating establishments which will formally allow the use of their restaurants in the program. Securing these participating restaurants' acceptances will be the heaviest burden of the program. This organizing work rests with Ken. When the selected restaurants have been chosen and have agreed to participate, their names, with appropriate advertising notes, will be printed in booklets of which it is planned to make up a thousand for the initial issue.

These booklets, each containing a half-dozen tickets naming the six selected restaurants, will be sold at \$3.00 each. The purchaser will then be entitled to patronize each of these restaurants with a guest and order one meal to a maximum cost of \$4.00 and will be served two meals but will be only required to pay the \$4.00 for the single meal. The ticket in the booklet covers the payment for the second meal.

The \$3.00 which the purchaser pays for the booklet goes to the Post Building Fund. The advertising value given the restaurants for their participation by allowing use of their names and for the matching dinners is their return in this program.

Instructions in the booklet will advise: "Each coupon in the book entitles the guest of the purchaser to a free meal equal in value (but not to exceed \$4.00) to the meal purchased by the holder of the book. This amount, \$4.00 maximum, may also be applied toward the cost of a more expensive meal.

1. \$3.00 per book, one book per person.

2. This book and coupons are not transferable.

3. At the time the coupon is used the purchaser shall sign it on the reverse side.

4. Alcoholic beverages and gratuities are not included in this agreement.

5. Unless otherwise specified the coupons are valid from (date) to (date).

A three-months period for the sale and use of the Diners Guide will be scheduled after the restaurants' participation has been received. A thank you note to the participating restaurants will be printed on the inside back cover of the books when they are printed. It will read: "Deepest appreciation is extended to the restaurants who have cooperated with us to make this Guide possible. Funds from this book sale will be used for our Building Fund."

Working with Ken Jopp on this program will be Ed Costigan who will arrange for the printing and distribution of the booklets. Ed looks forward to forming a committee of Post members through whom the booklets will be made available for purchase by members of the Post and to non-members who would wish to take advantage of this fund-raising and money-saving program — (for where else can one get \$24.00 worth of dinners for \$3.00?).

OPEN MEETING

Meeting Program Chairman Fred Stahlhut announces there will be an open meeting for the public at the Post's mid-March meeting. Through the co-operation of the New York Telephone Company he has arranged for a presentation of a film on safety, "Mechanized Death."

From the Telephone Company will be Joseph Hepp, a safety engineer who, in

addition to the movie, will give a talk on safety hazards.

Blanchard members are urged to mark this date on their calendars and bring members of their family, relatives and friends to this meeting which should be of important interest to everyone. The meeting takes place at the Post Meeting Hall on Monday, March 18, at 8:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

MON., MAR. 4—Regular Post Meeting — refreshments follow — 8:30 p.m.

MON., MAR. 11—Post Affairs Meeting — 8:30 p.m.

SAT., MAR. 16—St. Patrick's Day Dinner — 6:30 p.m.; Dance follows at 9:30 p.m.

MON., MAR. 18—Mid - monthly Post Meeting — Open to public — Safety Program — refreshments follow — 8:30 p.m.

MON., MAR. 25—Board of Directors Meeting — 8:00 p.m.

THURS., MAR. 28—County Legion Meeting

SUN., MAR. 31—Back to God Breakfast at Post at 8:00 a.m.

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DEADLINE: MARCH 15

While March 15 is no longer the magic date for filing income tax returns, it is nonetheless significant in our membership campaign. We can, if we make our quota of 718 by that date, earn a special citation from Department. You might say "Well, what does that mean?" Possibly nothing very much to an outsider, but to us here at Blanchard, who have been accustomed for so long to being amongst the top posts in the County, it would be another symbol of our continuing leadership. Thus we are making an appeal at this time to those who have not paid their dues as yet, to do so if at all possible in time to enable us to transmit your payment to Department by March 15. Of course this also applies to new members, so if you have any in mind see if you can land them in time to help us meet this deadline. As of press time the total count of paid memberships was 684 — our crystal ball computer indicates that we need about 20 more new members to hit the quota.

Renewals and new memberships should be sent to Charles J. O'Hara, 119 Orchard Street, Delmar, or may be given to Art Quinn or Bob Ballantine who are certain to be on duty at the Post at all times that the doors are open.

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MARY'S CORNER

Tuesday, March 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Post . . . that's our next date . . . for a meeting of the Auxiliary. Let's hope the weather is better than it is as we write this, and let's hope we get a good share of the membership out for this meeting.

Community Service is the Auxiliary's program for emphasis in March. Refreshments after the March meeting will be served by Norrine Cooke, Frances Hynds and Helen Quinn.

Faithful Auxiliary workers at the Indoor Sports party in February were Chris Barkhuff, Mary Conner, Esther Cooke, Maud Hafley, Henrietta Harris, Vi Knapp and Kitty Williams.

Attending the Department President's dinner in February from Blanchard Unit were Mary Conner, Esther Cooke, Maud Hafley, Ethel Scheiberling and Toni Spinosa. Reports are that it was "wonderful."

The 32nd Birthday party under Betty Costigan's direction was really a fun affair. We were honored by the presence of our Department President, Mrs. Robert Johnson; our County Chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Lavigne, and Post Commander Rodger Fryer. Stars of the party were our delightful "I've Got a Secret" moderator Tootie Flint; panel members Lee Adams, Ann deHeus, Eva Kohinke and Peg Lilly and guests Angel Feiden, Maud Hafley, Kitty Williams and Royce Day. The lovely sweater given away at the dinner was the handiwork of our talented Ruth Jorgensen, who was also co-chairman of this affair.

CARD PARTY, Tuesday, April 23, 8:00 p.m., Post Rooms: Chairman Chris Barkhuff tells us arrangements are going fine. When your Executive Committee representative phones you, won't you tell her you'll buy at least one ticket even if you can't attend the party? This would help the cause immensely. But let me urge you to attend, since I know you'll enjoy the furs from Beck's and the hats and accessories from Anne's Hat Box, with lovely Anne McGoeys doing the commentating. Marcia Trotta is presently making the posters you will be seeing around town advertising our card party. June Wilcox tells us she is not receiving as many trading stamps as she would like to. June would like lots of stamps, early and often, so she can choose the lovely gifts we will be giving for door prizes.

President Mary Conner and Americanism Chairman Jane Fearnside presented a flag to the St. Thomas Girl Scout Troop on February 13. A flag has also been presented to Cub Scout Troop 258 in Elsmere.

Four lucky Auxiliary members had a gorgeous time in sunny Florida in February — Peg Butman, Peg and Kay Mosmen and Grace Von Ronne.

We wish to acknowledge gratefully the donation from Mele's Beauty Salon.

Chris Barkhuff has asked us to report that she still has CANDY. Giving credit where due, I want to say that Chris has been working very hard on this project and her work has borne fruit for our treasury. She wishes to thank everyone who has bought, sold and cooperated. Think of Chris' Candy when you are planning your Easter gifts.

We want to keep our members who we do not see too often current on Auxiliary doings. If you have any items for this column, please call Fran Hynds HE 9-1116.

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The success of the article and coupon for Mike Mele's Beauty Salon a few months ago prompts its repeat. For his contribution to the Post Building Fund, Mike has received a letter of thanks from Fund Raising Chairman Barney Greene. Mike, a Blanchard Legionnaire, says he's glad to be able to help in this manner. To that end he again announces he will give any Auxiliary member or wife of a Blanchard Legionnaire member a 10% discount on all beauty work and Mele products. He will also donate 10% of the total to the Auxiliary, which will be earmarked to be contributed to the Post Building Fund. Please bring this coupon with you when you go to Mele's for a hair-do, etc.

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Department Commander Dined

Blanchard Post was represented at the Department Commander's Dinner last month by Post Commander Rodger and Marilyn Fryer and County Committee Chairman Harold and Chris Barkhuff. The dinner was at the Scully Post in Albany. The Department Commander, Doc Connors of Cohoes, made a special appeal thru the County Commanders to urge all Legionnaires to support the campaign for a New York State bonus for veterans of the Korean War.

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Blanchard Post's annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, family style, will be served between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 16 — St. Patrick's Day eve.

Past Post Commander and County Vice Commander Dick Lenseth is Chairman for the occasion.

Dinner tickets will be \$2 per plate. After the dinner there will be an Irish Night dance.

Shamrock and green, white brier and colleen will be the motif for the night.

Serving on the Committee with Dick will be, among others, Irishers Russ O'Adams, George O'Butman, Joe O'Canizzaro, Bill O'Flint, Barney O'Greene, Harry O'Harkness, Pat O'Igoe, Gifford O'Lance, Frank O'Nealon, and Mike O'Norton. They'll be running the platters from the kitchen to the tables.

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RIVER OF LIFE

At the first Post meeting last month three volunteers offered to donate to the Post's Blood Bank at the Albany Medical Center Hospital. They are Dick Lenseth, Clarence Lephart and Wayne Davis. "Their contributions will help", says Blood Chairman Warren Moessner, "but we need about a dozen more to donate to bring our blood bank balance up to a safer level." Warren also calls attention to an interesting article about new facts about blood donors which appeared in the February 15 issue of LIFE Magazine. He again reminds those who intended to make a donation of blood and perhaps forgot about it to tear this item from the 1040 TIMES and immediately call the Albany Hospital to make an appointment for your contribution of blood.

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Every Bit Helps

The Fund Fun Frolic helped raise nearly \$100 for the Building Fund Program. The \$10-per person party was enjoyed by twenty-eight couples. Fund Raising Chairman Barney Greene thanks all those who helped make the party the success it was.

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Welcome

Newest member to be inducted into Blanchard Post is Ed Nowack who was sponsored by George Kirk. The induction ceremony took place at the first February meeting with P.C. Ralph Butler officiating. Among those present was newly-transferred Bill Stelle who comes to Blanchard Post from Vanderloo-Miller Post in Albany. With more than fifty new members this year in Blanchard Post, Vice Commander - Membership Chairman Charles O'Hara calls on them to come to a meeting to formally become an American Legionnaire with an induction ceremony.

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DUES STATUS AIRING

Whether or not to change Blanchard Post's dues will be the principal topic to be discussed at the March 4th meeting.

For that reason, Commander Fryer urges as many members who can make the meeting, to do so, in order that the subject will be given a thorough airing by a greater number than the usual 20 or 30 who regularly attend the meetings.

Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Charles J. O'Hara, who is also the chairman for this matter, will have a report to present to the membership for consideration. Working with him in the study and preparation of the report are P. C. Al Greenwood, Judge Advocate George Wenger and two other members who have given considerable time and service to the activities of the Post... Ed Costigan and Hank Voorhees.

The Dues-Study Committee has been working on the subject since mid-January. The committee came as a result of the National American Legion's action in raising the per capita dues for each Legion member. Of the \$5 dues Blanchard Post members now pay annually, \$3.50 of it goes forward to County, State and National for the operations of those levels of the American Legion.

Chairman O'Hara, with the report already prepared, looks to augment it with the views of the members who will express themselves at the March 4 meeting. After those views are received and a determination is made by the committee, it will be presented to the full membership for final action.

Commander Fryer joins with Chairman O'Hara in saying: "This meeting on March 4 will be a very important one. To some extent the future of Blanchard Post will be affected by the determinations which come as a result of the views expressed at this meeting. I urge every Blanchard Legionnaire who can do so to come to the Post at 8:30 on Monday night, March 4th."

Father and Son Night

Among the approximately 60 persons who attended the Father and Son Night at the mid-February Post meeting were about 20 youngsters. This would appear to be a good sign toward re-forming the Sons of the Legion group for Blanchard Post. Anyone interested should contact Commander Fryer.

Good Indoor Sports Party

Blanchard Post was host to sixty-four Indoor Sports guests on February 2 at the Post. It was surely a happy occasion and the success of the Post can be attributed to Chairman Mike Norton, Commander Fryer and Auxiliary President Mary Conner.

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BACK TO GOD BREAKFAST

Blanchard Post's annual American Legion Back to God Breakfast for its members and their sons will be Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 a.m. The charge will be \$1 per serving.

William Johnston is chairman for the event. Serving on the committee with him are George Butman and Bud Mosmen. Members of the Auxiliary working with President Mary Connors will prepare and serve the Breakfast at the Post Meeting Room. Post members are urged to bring as guests, in addition to their sons, male neighbors and friends.

Speaker for the occasion is Reverend Royal Fishbeck, Pastor of Slingerlands Methodist Church.

Chairman Johnston reminds all members that the Back To God Breakfast is a national Legion program which serves to spotlight the spiritual interest which the American Legion encourages in its community activities.

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Williams and Sherman To Head Display

Commander Fryer has appointed George Williams and Ted Sherman the chairmen of Blanchard Post's participation in the American Legion Display being presented at the main office of City and County Savings Bank, 100 State St., Albany, during March 4th thru 22nd.

The display is another in a series of public service programs the bank is sponsoring. Its president, Fred Stolz, is also a Blanchard Legionnaire. The Display comes during the American Legion's 44th birthday. Blanchard Legionnaires passing the City and County Bank's Display are urged to look in on it.

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Job Open

Attribute it to attrition which affects both old and young.

Growing-up is to blame for the need of the Post seeking a new Scoutmaster. Commander Fryer reports the members of our Scout Troop have grown out of it and because of the waning interest we've lost our Scoutmaster. However, it is understood a Cub Pack will soon be growing into the Scout age and Blanchard Post will want to maintain its status in its sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop. Anyone willing to take on this responsibility should contact Commander Fryer or Boy Scout Chairman Lawrence McArthur.

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