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Pictured above are: Art Quinn, Ollie Palmer, Bill Campbell and Bill McGoey.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

- MONDAY, March 6 — The Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. Regular Post Meeting followed by refreshments at 8:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY, March 12 — Go To Church Breakfast, at the Post at 8:30 a.m.
- TUESDAY, March 14 — World War I vets luncheon at Elsmirian Restaurant, Delaware Plaza, Elsmere, at 12:30 p.m. (Win Robinson, Chairman)
- SATURDAY, March 18 — Irish Night celebration Dinner: 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dancing: 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- MONDAY, March 20 — Mid-monthly Post meeting, at 8:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, March 21 — Auxiliary meets at the Post, at 8:00 p.m.

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IRISH NIGHT

Plans are complete for another festive St. Patrick's celebration at Blanchard Post. The date is Saturday, March 18. Vice Commander-Activities Chairman Hugh Stowers has assigned a committee to arrange for the occasion in the tradition and spirit of past Irish Nights.

Bill Campbell and Ollie Palmer are Co-Chairmen.

The festivities will commence with a Corned-Beef Dinner (cooked by Herman) to be served between 5:30 and 9:00 p.m. Dance music by Marv Hirschburg commences at ten p.m. and will last until two a.m.

The dinner tickets are \$3 per person. They should be secured early since they're going fast — as usual. The door prize, naturally, is to be Irish linen.

Committee members are Bill McGoey (Publicity); Ed Costigan, Louis Legler and John Brady (Decorations); Art Quinn and Bill Campbell (Tickets); and for general arrangements, serving etc.: Russ Brandon, Dick Dalton, John Ennis, Gene Fitzpatrick, Fred Grasser, Harry Harkness, Sid Kaplan, Ken Lenseth, Tony Pelone, Ken Simpson, Sr. and Jr., Bob Strickland and Bob Warren.

TWO CHANGES MADE IN CONSTITUTION

With low attendance and high emotions the Post Constitution and By-Laws had some changes made in it at the mid-February meeting. Only about 3.5% of the membership — 26 to be specific — were present for the discussion and vote on the issues.

Commander Joe Cannizzaro presided.

Most controversial of the proposed changes had to do with the limiting of term of office for the board of director

members. It failed to carry the required two-thirds vote to secure its approval.

Unanimously approved were the items having to do with membership for honorably discharged veterans who have served during the Viet Nam war dates and the appointment and reporting by the Post nominating committee.

The Constitution and By-Laws as now amended is published in this issue of the TEN FORTY TIMES.

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GO-TO-CHURCH BREAKFAST

Blanchard Post's annual event to encourage Divine Worship and attendance at places of prayer takes place Sunday, March 12, at eight a.m. with a breakfast at the Post. Chairman for the occasion is Bill Johnston, Jr. He is being assisted by John Bedell, Fred Stahlhut, and Auxiliary President Betty Costigan whose members, as in the past, are preparing

and serving the breakfast. Tickets are a dollar. A speaker with an appropriate message for the occasion will highlight the program.

Again, fathers in the Post are urged to have their sons join them in this American Legion program and Post members are encouraged to bring guests.

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Auxiliary President's Corner

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 8:00 p.m. and we hope that by then the weather will be improved a great deal. We have had our share of sub-zero days this winter and as I write this column this afternoon the winds are at 40 and 50 miles an hour and the temperature is continually dropping with promises of zero and below tonight. Just maybe, by the next meeting spring will be in the offing and we will have a good turnout of our membership.

At our January meeting the final plans were worked out for our Birthday party. Ann Carroll reported that Tool's Restaurant was to cater the dinner and Helen Quinn agreed to take the Reservation Chairmanship, with Gloria Broom assisting her.

Plans were also made to hold a spring card party on February 28th. Anne McGoey graciously accepted the job of putting on a hat show for us. Anne also arranged to have Ruth Bush of Voorheesville demonstrate beauty counseling make-up. This is the perfect time of the year for a showing of hats as Easter is such a short time away. Helen Reynolds accepted chairmanship for the Card Party. Assisting Helen Reynolds will be the following: Maud Hafley, Table Prizes and Decorations; Janet Setzer and Zen Campbell, tickets; Anita Schaming, door prizes; Esther Cooke, refreshments; Helen Quinn and Chris Barkhuff, hospitality and Mary Connor, fashion co-ordinator. Members who will be modeling the hats are Mary Kaplan, Norrine Cook, Helen Quinn, Lucille Cole and Maud Hafley.

President Betty attended a dinner as a representative of our Unit for Cub Scout Pack No. 258 on February 15th at the Senior High School. This is the cub pack that is sponsored by our Unit.

We have a couple of items still hanging over our heads and I'm sure with a little cooperation we can clear them up very shortly. First, a few unpaid dues to be collected in order to meet "Quota". Helen Reynolds would be forever grateful to clean these up NOW. If you have forgotten, please see that Helen receives them. Secondly, Betty Costigan reports that we still have a couple of cases of nuts to be sold if we are going to realize our full profit. Everyone agrees that they are very tasty so why not try a can. (If you don't or can't eat nuts yourself, then buy one for a relative or friend).

We are starting our 37th year as Blanchard Auxiliary and there are many things to be done in the coming year. Many decisions to be made, many committees to be formed and a great deal of work to be done. Each member can help a little by being present at the meetings and adding her voice to what is being planned. Don't forget — March 21st at 8:00 p. m. at the Post.

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MEMBERSHIP

With seventy-four members to sign up for our quota, Membership Chairman-Vice Commander Tom Patterson is pressing for an all-out effort to assure the goal is made.

Since no more formal dues notices are being issued this will serve as a reminder to you unpaid members to get your \$7.50 dues, for 1967 to the Post. Let it serve also as a nudge to everyone to offer a membership to any eligible veteran they know.

For the Department of New York American Legion membership program Tom has submitted the names of the "Crew" for "M. S. Excelsior". The "crew" consists of five Post members each of whom has secured one to five new members. Our crew is "Captain" Art Quinn with five sign-ups, "First Mate" Commander Joe Cannizzaro with four, "Second Mate" Merwyn Atwood, with three, "Chief Engineer" Pat Russo for getting two and "Purser" Gus Williams with a single. (Some of this crew have secured more than the number for which they were assigned to the "ship"). Other crews may be named if they qualify in this program to bring new members into the Legion. Anchors aweigh!

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BOWLING NOTES

Here is how the Anglers Mixed League team standings showed at press time:

	Won	Lost
Perches	44	28
Smelts	40½	31½
Bullheads	37	35
Barracudas	37	35
Muskies	36½	35½
Piranhas	34	38
Guppies	32	40
Flounders	27	45

The Post League had these standings:

	Points
Tanks	57½
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Engineers	46½
Artillery	45
Army	42
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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Post is NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD POST NO. 1040 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF NEW YORK, INC., organized September 1, 1930 and incorporated August 25, 1931 under the laws of the State of New York as a Membership Corporation.

ARTICLE II

Objects

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make Right the master of Might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ARTICLE III

Membership

1. Any person shall be eligible for membership in the American Legion who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned and who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States at some time during the period between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive or at some time during the period between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945, both dates inclusive or at some time during the period between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1953, both dates inclusive, and August 5, 1964 to a date to be determined; or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his entry therein, served on active duty in the Naval, Military or Air Forces of any of the Governments associated with the United States during the above-mentioned periods; provided that no person shall be entitled to membership (a) who, being in the Armed Forces of the United States during said periods, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds, to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service, or (b) who, being in such service, was separated therefrom under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge and has not subsequently been officially restored to honorable status.

2. There shall be no form or class of membership except in active membership as herein provided.

ARTICLE IV

Nature

1. THE AMERICAN LEGION is a civilian organization; membership therein does not affect or increase liability for military or police service. Rank does not exist in the Legion; no member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any convention or meeting of the Legion.

2. THE AMERICAN LEGION shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment. No candidate for or incumbent of a salaried elective public office shall hold any office in the AMERICAN LEGION or in any sub-division or Post thereof.

3. Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding.

ARTICLE V

The Post is located in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, and the headquarters and principal office of this Post is located at Delmar, County of Albany, State of New York.

ARTICLE VI

1. This Post recognizes an auxiliary organization to be known as the Auxiliary Unit of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 the American Legion.

2. Members in the Auxiliary shall be as prescribed by the National Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VII

1. This constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the National Constitution of the American Legion and of the Constitution of the Department of New York, the American Legion. Any amendment to said National Constitution or Department Constitution which is in conflict with any provisions hereof shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of this constitution to the extent of such conflict.

2. This Constitution may be amended at any Post Meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members of said Post attending such regular meeting, providing that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of said Post, and providing further that written notice shall have been given to all members at least ten days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such a meeting a proposal to amend the constitution is to be voted upon.

3. Whenever the pronoun "he" or any declination thereof is used in the constitution, it shall be deemed to include persons of both sexes.



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ARTICLE I

Board of Directors

1. In accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation of the Post, the Board of Directors of the Post shall consist of eleven (11) members of this Post in good standing. The Board of Directors shall act as and perform all the functions and duties of the executive committee of the Post whenever the executive committee is referred to in the Department Constitution or By-Laws. One (1) of such directors shall be the Post Commander, one (1) of such directors shall be the Finance Officer, and the remaining directors are to be elected by the membership at the first annual meeting after the adoption of these By-Laws, as follows: three (3) to be elected for a term to expire June 1, 1961; three (3) to be elected for a term expiring June 1, 1962; three (3) to be elected for a term expiring June 1, 1963. On June 1, after such election the Board of Directors shall enter upon its duties hereunder and the terms of the members of the present Executive Committee shall cease and expire. Every year thereafter, at the Annual Meeting of the Post there shall be elected three (3) directors for a three (3) year term to succeed those directors whose terms of office expire in the current election year.

2. Such Board shall elect its Chairman annually from one of its members other than the Post Commander at its first meeting held after June 1 of each year. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside over the meetings of the Board. He shall prepare copies of the roster of the members of the Board, such roster showing the expiration date of the terms of office of each of the directors and a copy of such roster shall be furnished to the Commander, the Adjutant and to the Secretary of the Board of Directors, and a copy shall be affixed to the minute book of the Adjutant and of the Board's secretary. The Board of Directors shall also elect from its members a secretary who shall keep an accurate minute book of the proceedings of such Board and shall forward a copy of such proceedings within one week following each and every meeting, to the Post Adjutant. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once monthly or more frequently as called by the Chairman or on written notice of any three members. Six members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors. Any member of the Board of

Directors who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings will automatically cause a vacancy in his office unless such absence shall be excused for good cause by vote of a majority of the directors at the first regular meeting of the Board held thereafter. If a member of the Board of Directors ceases to be a member in good standing of the Post, it shall automatically cause a vacancy in his office. In addition, any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from such office for disability, neglect of duty, or for conduct unbecoming a member of the Post upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors and ratification of their action by two-thirds of the members present at the next regular meeting of the Post held after such action by the Board of Directors. A vacancy of such Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Persons so appointed shall hold office until the next annual meeting at which time a person shall be elected to the unexpired term of the member whom he replaced.

ARTICLE II

Powers and Duties of Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall have charge of all of the Post property and the management thereof. It shall be its duty to supervise and manage the Post properties, facilities and services, to employ and supervise all employees, to supervise and manage all necessary repair and renovations of Post property, to purchase all furniture, furnishings, fittings and supplies, to supervise the collection of all receipts and income of the Post. The finance officer shall maintain the Post funds in such separate accounts as directed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall audit and certify before payment all bills and charges assessed against or incurred by the post, with the exception of the expenditures made by the Post Affairs Committee within its authorized budget, which excepted expenditures shall be subject to such controls as may be provided by the Board of Directors.

2. At the beginning of its term and at the beginning of each fiscal year of the Post, the Board of Directors shall cause a budget to be made for the ensuing year for the conduct and management of the Post. In connection with the preparation of such budget, the Post

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Affairs Committee shall submit a budget for the approval of the Board of Directors for its activities during the ensuing year. From time to time in the judgment of the Board of Directors, upon resolution, it may direct the Finance Officer to pay over to the Post Affairs fund for the use of the Post Affairs Committee such amounts as in the judgment of the Board of Directors it may deem proper.

3. The Board of Directors may set aside and keep in a special fund in the name of the Finance Officer, such moneys as it may deem advisable as an amortization fund or emergency fund for future repairs or replacements of Post properties.

4. The Board of Directors may make such expenditures from funds other than those set aside in the Post Affairs fund as it shall deem advisable for the conduct of the business of the Post and the maintenance or replacement of its physical properties or facilities, provided, however, it shall make no expenditure or incur no obligation in excess of \$300.00 without the approval of the membership at a regular meeting of the Post.

5. The Board of Directors shall make rules and regulations for the use of the Post facilities and shall make appropriate provisions for the enforcement thereof.

6. The Board of Directors shall render to the Post an annual account at the second meeting of the post held in June of each year, showing the income and disbursements of the Post during the preceding fiscal year and an accurate inventory of the assets or liabilities of the Post.

7. The Board of Directors shall cause an audit to be made immediately after the close of the fiscal year of the Post of the Finance Officer's books and accounts and shall make a report thereof at the second meeting of the Post in June.

8. The Board of Directors may appoint from its membership or members of the Post, after consultation with the Commander, such committees as it may deem necessary to carry out its functions.

ARTICLE III

Post Affairs Committee

1. The Post Affairs Committee shall consist of the Commander as presiding officer and three Vice-Commanders, the Adjutant and Finance Officer and such chairman of standing committees as shall be designated by the Commander as members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Post Affairs Committee shall meet at least once each month and shall plan and conduct the programs of the Post, its meetings, its public affairs, its social events, its community and citizenship activities and shall devote its energies to the conduct of such affairs of the Post as will further the purposes and principles of the American Legion. It may expend from funds set aside in its name, any sums within its budget approved by the Board of Directors, subject to such controls as may be set up by the Board of Directors.

2. A majority of members of the Post Affairs Committee shall constitute a quorum.

3. Any officer of the Post may be removed from office for disability, neglect of duty, or for conduct unbecoming a member upon two-thirds vote of the members of the Post Affairs Committee and ratification of their action by two-thirds of the members present at the next regular meeting of the Post held after such action of the Post Affairs Committee. The vacancy created by such action shall be filled by the Post Affairs Committee for the unexpired term of the office so vacated.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

1. The officers shall consist of a Commander, three Vice-Commanders, an Adjutant and a Finance Officer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Post and shall hold office for the ensuing fiscal year or until their respective successors have been chosen and shall perform the customary duties pertaining to their respective offices. The officers shall be ex-officio members of the Post Affairs Committee. The Commander shall also be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

2. The Commander, and in his absence, the First, Second and Third Vice-Commander, in the order named, shall preside at all meetings of the Post and of the Post Affairs Committee. In the event of their absence, such meeting may elect their presiding officer.

3. The Adjutant shall give due written notice of Annual Meetings and due notice of all Special Meetings, and of all Post Affairs Committee meetings of the Post. He shall keep minutes of such meetings. He shall keep lists of names and addresses and previous military and naval organization of the members. He shall furnish to the Finance Officer the names of all persons elected to membership, and shall also advise him of all transfers or changes affecting membership. He shall notify candidates of their election.

4. The Finance Officer shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, be charged with the collection and custody of the funds of the Post, including all dues, and shall keep its accounts and report thereon at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors. His accounts shall be audited annually. He shall pay all bills when audited and approved in such

manner as the Board of Directors shall prescribe. He shall give bond in such amount as may be directed by the Board of Directors. The Premium of this Bond shall be paid from the funds of the Post.

5. In addition to the officers there shall be a Chaplain, a Historian and a Sergeant-at-Arms, and Judge Advocate, who shall be elected at the annual meeting for the ensuing year or until their successors have been chosen.

ARTICLE V

Membership

1. No person shall be eligible to membership in the Post unless he is eligible to membership in the American Legion under the Constitution of the Department of New York of the American Legion.

2. Any person eligible to membership as aforesaid, may become a member of this Post, upon his election by the Post Affairs Committee and payment of dues for the current year, and upon signing an enrollment card for enrollment as a member of the American Legion.

3. Before the election of any candidate, he shall either be certified by some member of

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the American Legion who has actual and personal knowledge that the applicant is eligible or such candidate shall be required to furnish documentary evidence of his eligibility.

4. Each candidate for membership must be proposed by a member of the Post. He shall give his name, address and military or naval organization to which he belonged during World War I, World War II or the Korean War, Viet Nam War period.

5. A member of this Post may be suspended or expelled from membership only as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of New York.

ARTICLE VI

Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of the Post shall be from June 1 through the following May 31st in each year.

ARTICLE VII

Dues

1. The annual dues of members shall be Five (\$5.00) Dollars payable in advance on the 20th day of October in each year. The amount of these dues may be reduced or prorated for any one year by the same methods required for a change in the By-Laws.

2. From such dues the Post shall pay such sums per member as shall be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department of New York.

ARTICLE VIII

Penalties

1. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by February 1st shall be classed as a delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before April 1st, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after April 1st, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on December thirty-first of such year, his membership in the American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by a vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from payment of dues by reason of active military service.

ARTICLE IX

Representation of the Post in the American Legion and its Committee

1. Delegates and alternates to represent the Post at County Conventions and State Conventions of the American Legion shall be elected by a majority vote at a meeting of the members of the Post, duly called for the purpose by due written notice. Meetings for the election of delegates and alternates shall be held at least 15 days before the County Convention which they are to attend.

2. The representatives of the Post on the County Committee shall be elected by a majority vote at a meeting of the members of the Post.

ARTICLE X

Notices

1. Every member shall furnish the Adjutant an address to which all notices and documents may be sent, and the same shall be held to have been duly sent to or served upon a mem-

ber when posted or otherwise mailed to him at the address so furnished.

2. When these articles prescribe a written notice of any meeting of the Post, ten days notice thereof shall be given, stating the object of the meeting. Five days notice shall be given of meetings of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings of the Post

1. The last meeting of the Post held in May of each year shall be the annual meeting of the Post. If no quorum is present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date with the same affect as if held above.

2. The regular meeting of the Post shall be had on the first and third Monday each month excepting the months of July and August. Any regular meeting night falling on a holiday shall be omitted or rescheduled by the Commander.

3. The Commander or a majority of the Post Affairs Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Post at any time.

4. Upon the written request of ten members, the Commander shall call a special meeting of the Post.

5. Twenty members in good standing shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the post.

ARTICLE XII

Election of Officers and Members of Board of Directors

1. The Post officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Post.

2. The candidates for election shall be nominated in the following manner: (a) the Post Commander shall appoint a nominating committee of five (5) members by no later than February 1 which will present to the membership a slate of nominees at the first meeting in April; (b) the nominating slate shall include one or more names for each office and for members of the Board of Directors and Delegates and Alternates to the County Committee; (c) other names may be placed in nomination from the floor after the nominating committee's report is received.

3. These names shall be presented for election by ballot at the annual meeting.

4. The candidate receiving the highest vote for any office shall be declared elected to that office.

5. Should a tie vote be cast for any office, a new vote shall be taken until the election is decided.

ARTICLE XIII

Rules

1. Rules of procedure at meetings of the Post shall be those set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order*, except as otherwise expressly provided.

ARTICLE XIV

Limitation of Liability

1. This Post cannot incur obligations or liabilities of any kind whatsoever against any other Post, sub-division or organization, branch, committee or group of members of the American Legion.

2. With the exception of the expenditures hereinabove authorized to be made by the Board of Directors and the Post Affairs Committee no expenditure shall be made or obligation incurred by the membership of the Post except by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting and upon approval by the majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE XV

Conformance to Principles of the American Legion

1. The Post shall uphold the declared principles of the American Legion, shall conform and abide by the regulations and decisions of the New York State Organization and the National Executive Committee or other duly constituted national governing bodies of the American Legion.

ARTICLE XVI

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Post meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members of said Post attending such regular meeting; provided that, the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read at the next preceding regular meeting of said Post and provided further, that written notice shall be given to all members at least ten (10) days in advance of the date when such amendment is to be voted upon, notifying said members that at such meeting a proposal to amend the By-Laws is to be voted upon.

Adopted: February 1, 1960
Effective: June 1, 1960
Amended: February 20, 1967

MUSE AWHILE

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

'Twas battered, scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin
But he held it up with a smile.
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"
"What am I bidden, good people," he cried,
"A dollar, a dollar! Now two, only two;
Two dollars, and who'll make it three.
Three dollars once, three dollars twice!
Going for three." But no!
From the room far back, a grey haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow.
Then wiping the dust from the old violin
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody pure and sweet,
As sweet as an angel sings.
The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quite low,
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two.
Two thousand dollars and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice,
And going and gone," he said.
The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We don't quite understand
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply
"The Touch of the Master's hand."
And many a man with life out of tune
And battered and torn with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd
Much like the old violin.
A mess of pottage, a glass of wine,
A game and he travels on.
He is going once, and going twice;
He is going and almost gone.
But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never can quite understand
The soul's worth and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's Hand.

— Myra Brooks Welch

HELPING HANDS

"Last month around Blanchard Post some people did a lot and a lot of people did something to help with our programs" reports Vice Commander-Activities Chairman Hugh Stowers. "To give those who assisted some credit for their contribution of time, effort and donations the least we can do is publish their names. Here are the activities and those who helped. I hope no names have been missed."

Helping Chairman Mike Norton with Indoor Sports were John Bedell, John Brady, Bill Campbell, Commander Joe Cannizzaro and his wife, Pat; Ed Costigan, Russ Denegar, Tom Hasselbarth, Dan McEntie, Bill and Caroline O'Neil, Ollie Palmer, George Reeber, Andy Rooney, Fred Stahlhut, and Joan Stowers. Special thanks to Blanchard Legionnaire Sam Bozzella who brought the BCHS Sr. High School Band to entertain the guests, and to the Excelsiors, and to Harold Reohr and his son Dave.

Volunteers from Blanchard Post participating with the Albany County American Legion's efforts in the 1967 Cerebral Palsy Telethon event were Vice Commanders Bill Campbell and Hugh Stowers, John Brady, Lew Fiske, Fred Grasser, Sid Kaplan, Ollie Palmer, Ken Simpson, Jr., Bob Warren and Al Woehrle.

During the Telethon these fellows helped with directing the flow of visitors through Colonie Center where the Telethon was held in this fund-raising project.

Mardi Gras Chairman Charlie Redmond expresses the thanks of his committee for the prizes donated by the following:

Ballantine Brewery, Joe Bauhoffer, Russ Brandon, Harry Brown, Carriage Stop, Dick Dalton, Dearstyn Brothers, Delaware Gardens, Delmar Bakery, Delmar Lumber, George Fowler, Vincent Herzog, Pete Jones, Sid Kaplan, Bert Kohinke, "Little Artie", Lufthansa, Willie Mays, Mike Mele, Pepperridge Farms, Charlie Redmond, Republican Executive Committee, Scheffer Brothers, Ted Sherman, Third District American Legion, Utica Club, Verstandig's Florist, Hank Voorhees.

Special Door-prize winners were: Terry Tangredi, Eleanor Haverly and Cy Cassidy.

Commander Joe Cannizzaro and his wife, Pat, with Al and Mary Woehrle, and Maud Hafley last month gave Blanchard Post its representation at the Albany County Committee Dinner for New York Department Commander James P. Heneghan. The event occurred at the Scully Post in Albany.

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