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# COLOR TV TO SPARK \$ RAISING

A vote of approval has been given to Vice Commander-Special Events Chairman Joe Cannizzaro to offer a color TV set as a premium for this year's fundraising program. The okay unanimously came at the February 7th Post meeting which was attended by nearly 30 members. The Post Affairs Committee, of which Commander Ed Costigan is the chairman, had already discussed the matter and determined it was the most acceptable medium for such an event. Joe is in the process of getting tickets printed and distributed.

Announcing this special event, Commander Costigan stated: "With each

year the financial burdens of the Post increases. Even with our membership goal in sight the share of the dues which the Post is allowed to retain contributes only a small portion of the costs to operate our Post. This fund-raising program gives many of our members whose other interests keep them from taking a more active part in the work of the Post an opportunity to participate in it with us. As has been shown by our Membership, Blood Bank, Committee that Cares, and the other programs of the Post, I am confident everyone will give Joe Cannizzaro their support in this project."

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BLANCHARD POST AUXILIARY



The first time in its 35-year span, Blanchard Post and the Blanchard Post Auxiliary has a husband and wife team as its leaders. Smiling for the occasion is Post Commander Edward Costigan who was guest-of-honor at the birthday party last month. To his right is his beaming wife, the Auxiliary President, Betty. To the right of President Costigan is General Chairman Ann Carroll smiling her approval of the birthday party program. Past Department and the Blanchard Auxiliary President Maud Hafley makes up the foursome which joined with other members of the Auxiliary to celebrate this milestone in the history of our Post.

### **BLANCHARD CALENDAR**

MONDAY, March 7—Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post monthly meeting at 8:30 p.m.; refreshments follow.

TUESDAY, March 8 — "Old Timer's" luncheon at Elsmerian Restaurant at 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 19 — Irish Night Dinner and Dance.

MONDAY, March 21 — Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 24 — The Albany County Legion meeting at Silverstein Post, 134 Central Avenue, Albany at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, March 28 — The Board of Directors meets at 8:00 p.m.



### TIS NO BLARNEY

Saturday, March 19, two days after St. Patrick's Day, the Blanchard Post annual corned-beef and cabbage dinner, together with the Irish Night Ball (not brawl) takes place at the Post Hall. Dinner service starts at 6 p.m. and lasts until 9 p.m. An hour later the jigging begins. Tickets, which are green, for the dinner, are \$2.25 per plate. Dancing lasts till 2 a.m. Many of the Post's Irish and non-Irish are cooking up a good meal and program under our Irish leaders, Commander Costigan, Dinner Chairman Dick Lenseth and Activities Chairman Sid Kaplan.

Since these Irish nights began many years ago, each year has seen larger and larger attendance. It was one of the reasons for enlarging the Post accommodations. With the more recent advent of two other nationality nights, it has become a race to see which ethnic group gets the greater response. This is to alert all those who plan to attend to get their tickets early.



### Mountaineers

If you haven't yet been contacted by Bud Mosmen, Chairman of the Post's American Legion Mountain Camp Committee, he's got a supply of \$1.00 membership blanks. The Post's quota is 50. Bud's signed up more than half of the quota. If you don't see Bud — ask Art Quinn.

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### **Auxiliary President's Corner**

Chmn. Board of Directors. . Harold C. Barkhuff

Editor ..... Alexander J. Woehrle

We have grown one year older and what a wonderful Birthday Party we enjoyed on our 35th Anniversary. After our President, Betty Costigan, had presented our Past Presidents. Commander Costigan spoke to us briefly and thanked us for efforts put forth by our Unit in the many things that are accomplished throughout the year and of how proud he is to represent Blanchard and its Auxiliary. you Commander and you can be sure that we are also proud to do what we can.) Ann Carroll, our chairlady, had prepared for us such a roll, our chairlady, had prepared for us such a scrumpish dinner, topped off by a beautiful birthday cake. Ann achieved her purpose and made this one of the best ever. Thank you, Ann. Helen Quinn truly out-did herself, for the dining room was really lovely and due to the hard work of Helen Reynolds and Shirley Kirk we had a wonderful transaction. Kirk we had a wonderful turn-out of members and guests. When so many are present all the preparations surely seem more than worthwhile. For those who were not able to make it, I am sure you would like to know that we had entertainment, brought to us by Henrietta Ballo and Claire Colonna, that was really something. "Those Little Kids"—Royce Day, Fred Grasser, Ray Callagan, Esther Cooke, Rose Marie Ehrenberg and Lottie Van Dykeshowed such talent and the singing (?) and dancing (?) was delightful. Ann Carroll was very busy with her camera and she intends to show slides at our March meeting. Be sure and be there and see yourself celebrating our birthday.

On February 5th, Blanchard Post entertained the Indoor Sports Club in the Post Rooms with the Auxiliary members serving the luncheon. Maud Hafley, chairman of the luncheon, was assisted in the kitchen by Leah Hurley, Chris Barkhuff and Norrine Cooke. In the dining room, our President, Betty, was assisted by Cosse' Drury, Helen Reynolds, Anne deHeus, Maury Flanigan and Zenith Campbell.

That evening, February 5, Betty and Commander Costigan, Maud Hafley and Al Woehrle attended a Department Commander's Dinner at Scully Post for Department Commander Eagan, the guest of honor.

On February 9, when the Bloodmobile was at the Post, the members did a magnificent job on replenishing the depleted supply available to us at the Blood Bank. Needing help with the typing of the cards to be filled out, the following from our Unit volunteered: Betty Costigan, Ann deHeus, Henrietta Faning and Zenith Campbell. A special thank you to Rita Greene who helped out in the beginning when we were a little short-handed.

In conjunction with the Post Booster campaign, the Auxiliary will also have a booster sheet available to help boost the fund for the

1966 American Legion Department Convention to be held in Albany this summer. We are anxious to have everyone add their name and make a \$1.00 donation. We will have more to come on this next month and intend to contact the members.

This is the last call for membership. We are making a plea to you to please get your \$2.50 in and please help Blanchard make our quota to Albany County. Upon receiving your dues you will be honored with your membership card. Our membership chairman is Mrs. Kay Lenseth, 21 McCormack Road, Slingerlands. In our column next month we will make you acquainted with some of our new members.

March is Community Service month and our chairman of this committee, Helen Reynolds tells us that she is doing very well collecting eye glasses which are used for the needy. If you have any old glasses around the house, please turn them in to her. Another item Helen is looking for is old costume jewelry. In connection with Community Service, Helen and Betty Costigan will be attending a meeting on March 10, concerning this year's Community Ambassador.

A reminder to the members that Anita Schaming is looking for coupons and trading stamps. Each member should, if possible, donate 30. Any type of trading stamp is acceptable and coupons from the following products: Mrs. Filbert's, Octagon, Grandma's Molasses, Prince Products, Bordon's, Kirkman's and Super Suds. If you are not able to turn them in at meeting, Anita will be glad to have you mail them direct to her.

Come to the March 15th meeting and see the slides of the Birthday Party.

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We are sorry to learn that Marguerite Wallace passed away on January 24th.

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### Eagan Feted

Department of New York Commander William A. Egan, Jr. was honored last month at a dinner sponsored by the Albany County Committee of the American Legion. The affair was at the Ambrose J. Scully Post in Albany. Attending from Blanchard Post were Commander Edward J. Costigan, Auxiliary President Betty Costigan, Past Department President Maud Hafley and Past Commander Al Woehrle.

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### **Bowling Notes**

The comfortable lead enjoyed by the Marines for several months has been narrowed by the Coast Guard who've been closing in. In their order the other six teams are Army, Tanks, Engineers, Artillery, Infantry and Navy. Marines hold high-triple record; Tanks, high single. Ken Stinson is high triple and single scorer. The league plays Friday nights, 6:45 p.m. at Sporthaven. There is an opening in the line-up.

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Mark up a Legion credit for Sergeantat-Arms Hugh Stowers for attending the February meeting of the County American Legion meeting. With him were Commander Costigan, Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman Merwyn Atwood and the 1040 TIMES Editor Al Woehrle. The meeting this month is March 24 at Silverstein Post, 134 Central Avenue, Albany. Committee Chairman Harold Barkhuff reminds all the other committee members and alternates to attend. They are Vice Commander for Activities, Joe Cannizzaro, Past Commander Charlie O'Hara, Past Vice Commander George Reeber, Finance Officer Bill Campbell, Russ Deneger, Pat Igoe, and Warren Moessner.

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### SIXTY IS MAGIC

"The mid-year of the Legion has arrived" reports Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Merwyn Atwood, "and we still need sixty paid-up members to make our quota. I'm confident we'll do it but it'll be more re-assuring to report we've done it."

Post Commander Costigan expressed his hope of attaining our quota by stating: "It should be a satisfaction to all Blanchard Post members to attain the quota assigned to it by the Albany County Legion Membership Chairman. Now that we're this close it would be frustrating not to achieve our goal. Chairman Atwood can't be expected to do it alone — although he might. This last push truly needs the help of everyone of us. We should not only aim for our quota, let's go all the way and see how far above our qutoa we can go."

### A Gal Beat Us

For the second year in a row an oratoress won first place in the Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest. It was the same girl, Maureen Moloney of Academy of The Holy Names. Blanchard Post contestant Edward "Ted" Smith placed second. There were two other entrants. The program was at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Social Center in Albany. Attending from Blanchard Post were Commander Ed Costigan, Auxiliary President Betty Costigan, Zone Oratorical Chairman Harold Barkhuff, Post Oratorical Chairman Rus Deneger, and 1040 Times editor Al Woehrle.

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### Care Committee

Added to the list of Bethlehem townsmen with the Armed Forces in Viet Nam is Corporal Charles W. Mosher of Selkirk. The Committee which is now composed of representatives from most of the Town's organizations meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Post hall. The meetings are open for all to attend. There are now 14 Bethlehemites in Viet Nam receiving the Committee's attention. At the suggestion of Bill O'Neil, who represents the Elks, as well as being a Blanchard Legionnaire, the Committee is arranging for the distribution of bumper strips which read "We Support Our Boys In Viet Nam".

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### **Luncheon Dates**

Of special interest to the World War I members of the Post are the up-coming monthly luncheon dates for which Past Commander Winthrop Robinson has arranged during the past Legion year. This month the date is March 8. Next month it will be April 12. The hour is 1:30 p.m. The place is The Elsmerian Restaurant. To these "dutch-treat" gatherings not only Blanchard Legionnaires are invited but all WW I vets who are in the area and are in the mood to join with their "Doughboy" Buddies, Sailors and Marines to re-live the events of nearly a half century ago.

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"What can be done with a good chairman and a group of dedicated Legionnaires was demonstrated February 9 when the Bender Lab Bloodmobile came to Blanchard Post" says Commander Costigan. His praise was for chairman Warren Moessner whose efforts in getting a phone-calling committee together brought in 54 pints of blood. For this the Post nets 27 units in the Bender Lab bank. To that is added the 11/2 pints still in the Albany Medical Center Blood Bank.

Deserving of having their names published for their blood donations are:

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Chairman Moessner had this to say about his program: "The wonderful help I received is what made this so successful. In addition to the help from the fellows who made the phone calls - their names appeared in last month's 1040 TIMES — on the evening of the bloodcollection we had these willing and helpful aides to the committee: Auxiliary President Betty Costigan with Ann de Heus, Rita Greene, Henrietta Fanning and Zenith Campbell doing the registrations; Hugh Stowers, George Feiden, Fred Grasser and Oliver Palmer doing the kitchen work and the buffet; George Reeber, Fred Trombe, Bill Campbell and Al Woehrle helping me generally. In addition we are thankful for the efforts of the Bender Lab Bloodmobile staff headed by Mrs. H. C. Bradley and Dr. Myers. The program went so well that we should look for another one in the fall.

At least one prospective donor went out of his way to report he was called out-of-town for the Bloodmobile night. He promised to report directly to the Bender Lab or the Albany Medical Center to give his blood to the Blanchard Post Blood Bank account.

### Late Thanks

For donating the Christmas tree for the Yuletide events, special thanks go to Bill McKeough who shows his devotion to the Post and the Good of the Legion in this manner as well as his ad in the 1040 TIMES, his participation in the shuffleboard tournament and, like so many of his brother members, in various other Post activities.

### Red Quoits Lead

Warming up to the coming league dinner the players with the red quoits have barged out ahead in the Thursday night shuffleboard tournament in progress at the Post. It's really something to see the way this activity has caused so much interest. While only four persons at a time play, the side-line rooters and hecklers make the evening highly entertaining.

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### Four Chaplains Rites

Last month Blanchard Post Commander Ed Costigan joined with other veteran organizations to commemorate the Four Chaplains of different faiths who in World War II went down with their sinking troopship after they had given their life-jackets to four soldiers. The services were sponsored by the Albany Post of the Jewish War Veterans. They were conducted at Congregation Ohav Sholom in Albany. As part of the ceremony a Brotherhood Award was presented to Albany Times Union religious editor Rev. Carlyle Adams.

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### Blame It On The Weather

Because there was no Winter Carnival last month can be charged against the rainy and warm weather which unexpectedly arrived. Ice Carnival Chairman Fred Stahlhut had a committee and supplies (hot dogs, etc.) all prepared for a Lincoln Day program. Next year, he hopes to have the same committee but different supplies (and better ice skating weather).

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