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## BUILDING EXPANSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

A new and larger building is the recommendation of the 11-men group designated to study and report on the expansion of our Post quarters.

The preliminary views of the committee was made known by its chairman, Gus Williams, at the mid-March meeting.

The new edifice would be located, subject to zoning conditions, near the northeast corner of the land we now occupy. This would bring the proposed building onto the area which last year was converted into our new parking area. Upon completion of the new quarters the present building would be removed.

### *Two Floors*

Like the present structure the new one will have a lower and upper floor. Whereas our building now has two thousand square feet of workable space plus restrooms on the ground floor, it is anticipated the new home would have thirty-three hundred square feet plus restrooms with added facilities, and there would also be a storage area of approximately fourteen hundred square feet.

The building we now have has only fifteen hundred square feet usable space on the upper floor plus a small kitchen, restroom, and storage area and squad room. The building-to-be has a meeting room dimensioned for thirty-five hundred square feet plus a roomier kitchen and restrooms.

The main entrance to the building features a stairway for passage to either the upper or lower floors. Another stairway will serve the downstairs storage area and upstairs kitchen. Yet another stairway will serve as an exit through the rear of the building.

Of rectangular design the building plan proposed has a length of a hundred and ten feet with a width of forty-six feet. The thinking of the committee lent itself intelligently toward spaciousness with functional design.

### *See The Plans*

With his oral report, Chairman Gus presented for his committee drawings which graphically portray the lay-out of the planned interiors and elevations of the exteriors of the new quarters.

These renderings are on display at the Post and everyone is urged by Commander Sid Kaplan to make himself familiar with the proposed building program. "This Committee", says our Commander, "has done itself well by advancing this program to its present stage. It was only a few months ago they undertook this assignment. The need for their work becomes evident at every large function we have at our Post. Their action is a great stride toward the future in which we expect to see our Post serve its membership and the community even more creditably than it has in its glorious past."

Chairman Williams and his committee members want all who can to look over the plans to see what changes and improvements in their ideas can be made.

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## SPRING REVUE

An entertainment and dance is scheduled for a two-night presentation on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20. Nine-thirty p.m. is the hour.

Under the direction of Jerry and Edie Romano a cast of fourteen, including Blanchard Legionnaires and the ladies of our Post members have been rehearsing for the past month to stage this show.

The male stars are headed by our Post Commander, Sid Kaplan. With him will be Dr. Charles Alden, Ray Calligan, Fred Grasser, Len Sellner, Mike Mele and Ollie Palmer.

The starlets include Mrs. Commander Mary Kaplan, and Mesdames Ann Carol, Gwen Grasser, Ruth Jorgenson, Mary Mele, Helen Quinn and Kitty Stinson.

As the name implies, the "Spring Revue" will be a package of skits, mirth and music.

From the acclaim of the last repeat performance which was held on two successive Saturday nights it was decided by the committee for this event that there is a demand to see it. Tickets, \$2.50 per person, are available at the Post. Since the seating capacity is limited it would be wise to call for them now.

## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, April 1 — The Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, April 15—Mid-monthly Post Meeting (Discussion of new building program), 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 16 — The Blanchard Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 19 — Bowling League end-of-season dinner at Joseph's in Selkirk.

FRIDAY, April 19 — "Spring Revue" with Blanchard all-star cast, 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 20—"Spring Revue" repeat performance.

SATURDAY, April 27 — Past Commanders' Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

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## MRS. C BEAT HIM

If you turn to page two you will read that Zen Campbell, Membership Chairman for the Auxiliary has reached her quota.

Now put yourselves in the shoes of her husband, our Membership Chairman-Vice Commander Bill Campbell. If we had given him the help he deserves he'd now be sharing the congratulations being bestowed upon her for this achievement.

It isn't too late yet. With only twenty-eight paid up memberships to be added to our roll Blanchard is heading for another new high in members. Bill's doing about all he can do to make our quota. With a little help from some or all of us we'll go over the top. Time is moving fast and we'll have to move a little faster. "Let's Go, Men" says Bill, "let's get'em signed up!"

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**Auxiliary President's Corner**

The 17th Annual Awards Ceremony was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital March 4. All local organizations having volunteers at the hospital were represented. Christina Barkhuff and Maud Hafley were presented with a 2,000 hour certificate each by Dr. Richard B. Bean, Hospital Director. Watching proudly as Maud and Chris went through the staff receiving line were President Helen Reynolds, Mary Conner and Esther Cooke. In the EMPIRE STATE NEWS, Vol. XXXIII-No. 6, February, 1968, p. 6 is a passage which exemplifies the thoughts of these two ladies: "While others may tire of the burden imposed by the care of these men and popular interest grew cold, The American Legion must never permit its interest to diminish or its energies to flag in their behalf . . . However the Legion might succeed in other activities, it will fail if we do not continue to discharge our obligations to these comrades." The importance of the volunteer hospital worker to the convalescent veteran cannot be minimized.

Do you subscribe to and read the EMPIRE STATE NEWS? It's an excellent magazine published monthly by the American Legion Auxiliary of New York State. Each issue contains valuable information concerning all the programs promoted by the Auxiliary such as Cancer Control, Community Service, Child Welfare and many others. Mabel McCredie, Unit Chairman for the EMPIRE STATE NEWS urges all members to obtain subscriptions, especially new members. For the modicum cost of \$1.00 per year you can be brought up to date on all the conferences, projects and other activities within the New York State Auxiliary. To enter your subscription phone Mabel at her home or see her at the meeting this month, April 16.

In the afternoon of March 16 a tea and reception was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital honoring Department President Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy. President Helen Reynolds and Past Department President Maud Hafley attended representing our unit.

Kay Mosmen and her committee served a New England style breakfast to 85 fathers, sons and guests at the annual Go to Church Breakfast, March 24th. Those who awoke at sunrise to set the tables, break the eggs over the eleven electric skillets used, sizzled the ham and serve were: Helen Reynolds, Mary Kaplan, Madalyn Lawler, Cathy Burkner, Helen Kemnitzer, Grace Von Ronne, Peg Butman, Peg Mosmen, Marge Haeusser and Mary Woehrle. Commander Sidney Kaplan and the Legion's Breakfast Chairman, Past Commander, Bill Johnston acknowledge their gratitude to Kay and her committee for the success of this affair.

May 7th we're having a Card Party and Wig Show. Sounds like fun! Maud Hafley and Zen Campbell are co-chairmen. Start now to call your friends and neighbors to make a foursome for each table. If you can help with the arrangements phone either one of the co-chairmen. They'll be glad to hear from you.

3,500 Poppies have been ordered for distribution in our community on May 10. The largest number of these Poppies came from Bath, New York where they were made from scratch—starting with a plain wire to the finished red flower—by the long term patients at the V. A. Hospital there. Other Poppies arrived from the V. A. Hospital in Brooklyn. All Poppies distributed by our Unit have been made in New York State. To be sure you're wearing the Poppy made entirely by the veteran and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary look for the yellow tag on the stem of the flower which states in red print; AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY — 1968. The Auxiliary does not store last year's undistributed Poppies for this year's use for this is in violation of one of the Poppy Program's great concerns — the therapeutic value to the hospitalized veteran. In fact, the doctors think so

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highly of this program that they wish the number of Poppies ordered was increased so more could be made. President Helen Reynolds is our Poppy Chairman. Because of the complexity of this program she needs many volunteers. Call now to offer your time. Be proud to distribute and wear the paper Poppy with the yellow tag on May 10.

Good News! Congratulations to Zen Campbell, Membership Chairman, for reaching the Unit's quota. As we thank Zen for her conscientious effort, she, in turn, would like to thank those who have paid their dues, encouraged new membership and generally aided her in sundry ways.

Anne de Heus, Legislation Chairman, announces that Mr. Stephen A. Maney will be guest speaker at the April 16 meeting. Mr. Maney, a prominent attorney, is a member of the Legion Department Legislative Committee, Past Albany County Commander, and Past Commander of Capital City Post. His topic will be Veteran Legislation. Mr. Maney will discuss some of the pertinent legislative recommendations of the 37 presented by the Legion to the Veterans Advisory Commission. The same issue, previously mentioned, in the EMPIRE STATE NEWS, informs us that: "The partnership of the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion in mutual helpfulness to our veterans" is indeed a strong alliance. "Our devotion to mutual helpfulness has involved one of the main objectives of the American Legion — the creation of a veteran's program which would recognize the rights and needs of the Nation's war veterans and be administered with a unity and purpose that would assure our veterans being the best cared for in the world." The article further states that, "Neither The American Legion nor the Nation is ready to say that they are satisfied and content with the veterans programs as they now stand." The above quote stresses the importance of the topic chosen by the guest speaker, Mr. Maney. Anne encourages all members to attend this meeting. April 16 — 8:00 p.m.

Marcia Rosenfield

**Flag Donated**

Through the effort of Blanchard Legionnaire Ralph Derby an American Flag was presented to Boy Scout Troop 50 by our Post. The presentation was made recently by Flag Chairman George Reeber.

**Sick Call**

Blanchard Bowling League President and World War I vet Perry Smith, 217 Euclid Avenue, Albany, N.Y., is confined to his home. He had a brief stay at the hospital. Send him a "get well" card to cheer him up.

**PAST COMMANDERS' DINNER**

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Past Commanders Dinner takes place at the Post on Saturday, April 27.

Guest speaker invited for the occasion is Albany Police Captain Herbert W. Devlin well known in the area for his delightful and witty after dinner talks.

Because of business pressures Past Commander Joe Cannizzaro last month asked to be relieved of the chairmanship of the event. In his place a committee comprised of Past Commanders Al Woehrle, George Butman, Ed Costigan, Rodg Fryer, Bill Johnston, Dick Lenseth and Joe Von Ronne, set about making the arrangements.

Tickets for the event are four dollars. They are available at the Post and from any of the Past Commanders. Ed Costigan is in charge of tickets distribution and the printing of the programs.

The dinner is set for seven-thirty p.m. It is preceded by a social hour. A dance follows the dinner.

With the addition of Joe Cannizzaro's name to the roster of Past Commanders there is no other change from last year's roll call of whom eight are deceased.

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## LONG TIME SERVICE

For 35-years continuous service in the American Legion a commemorative lapel button was presented to George Reeber at the mid-March meeting by Past Commander Joe Cannizzaro.

George, a World War I Navy Veteran has been a Blanchard Legionnaire since the early '60's. He moved here from New York City. For the past few years he has been advertising chairman for the TEN FORTY TIMES. He is a member of the Board of Directors and has been a past Vice Commander and Membership Chairman. "He is a dedicated Legionnaire", acclaimed Commander Kaplan, "and certainly worthy of this bestowal. In his work as Flag Chairman and in all his efforts he is an inspiration to all of us."

## 'T WAS A HAPPY TIME

The 16th annual "Irish Nite" was held and a great time was had by all. Herman O'Leibech did his usual fine job with a wonderful corned beef and cabbage dinner and, all the trimmings. 250 members and friends consumed almost 300 pounds of corned beef—Man that's alot or BEEF!

Co-Chairmen Ollie Palmer and Bill McGoeay want to thank the Auxiliary members that waited on tables — Helen Reynolds, Maury Flanagan, Henrietta Fanning, Anne McGoeay, and Janet Setzer. The service was excellent.

We also want to recognize the following committee members that made the evening such a splendid success; Hugh Stowers, Gene Fitzpatrick, Bob Strickland, Dick O'Connell, Dick Dalton, Bob Warren, John McDermott and Andy Rooney.

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## NEW HIGH

With three renewed members Mountaineers Chairman Bud Mosmen has chalked up the highest record ever Blanchard Post has achieved in this American Legion project. For this year we now have forty-three. The newest are Fred Grasser, Charlie Haeusser and Ed Littlefield. Their dollars place them on the General George Patton Chapter No. 6 of the American Legion Mountain Camp program which conducts the rehab and recreational site at Tupper Lake, New York.

## Taps

This past month saw the passing of two World War I vet members of our Post. They are John W. Brasure who died in Fort Pierce, Florida, and Dr. Arthur H. Tomlinson, Jr., of Delmar. We mourn their deaths.

## PILLING AND COOING

When I met Sandra, I was taking meprobrate, one tablet before each meal and two at bedtime. By coincidence, she was also on tranquilizers, same dosage. On our first date, we fell calmly in love. Before long, I was down to one tablet twice daily, and she only had to take a half tablet every now and then, as needed, for relaxation.

When our romance grew more feverish, I began taking a multivitamin capsule once daily before breakfast, and she went back on tranquilizers, one tablet before each meal and two at bedtime.

Every Friday and Saturday night, I wined her and dined her. After a few weeks, she grew chubby, and my ulcer flared up. She began taking an appetite suppressant, one capsule daily on arising, and I started taking an antacid gel, two tablespoons one hour after each meal and at bedtime.

On a skiing weekend, we both caught deep chest colds, and the resort doctor placed us on an elixir of terpin hydrate compound, one teaspoon every four hours, as indicated, for cough. It was great sitting around the fire in the lodge, sipping our terpin hydrate and dreaming our little dreams.

At Christmas, we exchanged pillboxes. We announced our engagement in February. Two days before the wedding, she got into a terrible argument with her mother over the invitation list and broke out in the worst case of hives her doctor had ever seen. He prescribed an antihistamine capsule every eight hours and renewed her tranquilizer prescription, one tablet before each meal and two at bedtime. The next day, she disappeared.

I received a postcard from her a week later stating that she had eloped with her pharmacist.

I am presently taking an antidepressant, two tablets before each meal and three at bedtime. So far, they haven't worked. *Oscar London*



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## BLANCHARD BOWLERS TO SENECA FALLS

The five-man team headed for the New York State Department American Legion Tournament has on it Al Adams, George Feldon, Bill Flint, Dick Lenseth and top-of-the Blanchard Bowling League, Ken Stinson.

The Bowling League will have its end-of-Season Banquet this month at Joseph's in Ravena on Friday, April 19. The ladies of the League players will be guests.

Due to a sudden illness and recent hospitalization, League President Perry Smith has been forced to cancel out his bowling activities. Vice President Jack Cleary is filling in making the arrangements for the dinner.

With another week to play before Hi-Low the season was closing with a two-way tie and a close second place. Veteran League Leader Ken Stinson seems certain to have Lowman Al Woehrle for the final night of bowling. At this writing the League Standing for points was Coast Guard 63, Tanks 63 and Marines 61, as of March 22; and Engineers 56½, Artillery 54, Navy 50, Infantry 47, Army 42½, as of March 15.

New-comer Walt Van Wormer was second place runner up two points behind Stinson and next in line were Ed Loftus, 175, and Milt Andre, 174.

## MIND OVER MATTER

The remarkable thing is that we really love our neighbor as ourselves: we do unto others as we do unto ourselves. We hate others when we hate ourselves. We are tolerant toward others when we tolerate ourselves. We forgive others when we forgive ourselves. It is not love of self but hatred of self which is at the root of the troubles that afflict our world.

*Eric Hoffer*

## SCUTTLEBUTT . . .

Nice couple to talk to at the Post bar are Ed and Betty Costigan. He always has a hearty laugh and a good joke to tell and Betty's a real charming gal . . .

Bill Campbell is sore at someone who was supposed to get him tickets for the New York Rangers Hockey game and forgot—Better luck, next time, Bill! . . .

Who besides Art Quinn are old members and long time residents of the area that remember when Albany had a pro basketball team which played its home games on the stage of the Palace Theatre? . . .

Joe Von Ronne at least had a nice tan to show for his winter visit to Florida and he can tell you of his experiences at the track there.

George Reeber our Flag Chairman reminds us all to get moving and show the Flag in front of our homes and I agree whole-heartedly.

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## DON'T PITY THEM

Perhaps the most striking difference between plant and animal adaptation to winter is that to far more plants than animals winter is not merely something to be endured but something which is necessary. A woodchuck kept awake in warm quarters all winter will not die because he did not get his accustomed sleep. But many perennial plants *must* go into winter dormancy or they will die. Also, many seeds will not germinate unless they've been frozen at least once. And many buds formed in late summer or autumn will not unfold in spring unless they too have been frozen. Bring a bare branch of forsythia into the house in autumn and the buds will never open. Bring it in in January or February after the buds have been well frozen and they'll bloom — long before spring has come. Many of the animals active in winter deserve your pity. But don't pity the sleeping plants!

*Joseph Wood Krutch*

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## Building Expansion Committee

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From early reports there is every indication these initial plans leave little to be changed on them.

A feature of the new quarters will be an air-conditioning system to make both floors comfortable.

In the interest of economy as much as is reclaimable in the existing building, without detracting from the new building would be used in the new quarters.

### *Next Step*

The preliminary report was unveiled to a fairly well-attended meeting which included several newly inducted members to our Post. At that meeting it was moved by Past Commander Joe Cannizzaro that the mid-April meeting be designated for a general discussion by the membership of the plans recommended by the Williams Committee. That motion had with it the added condition that after the general membership discussion it be left to the membership to vote at the first Post meeting in May its sentiment on the continuing steps for the building expansion program.

Anticipating approval, perhaps with slight modification, of the committee's work thus far the next important steps will be the application for re-building to be made to the Town, the approval of the State Liquor Authority of the proposed plans and last, but not least, the funding for the undertaking.

On the question of cost for the new project a figure of a hundred to a hundred and ten thousand dollars was mentioned. It is anticipated that a new mortgage extended over a decade will be sought to carry on the work once the final drawings and financing has been determined and approved by the membership of the Post.

### *The Committee*

Since its inception last November the eleven member group which has brought about this re-building idea with Gus Williams include Past Post Commanders Harold Barkhuff who is also Chairman of the Board of Directors, George Butman, Ed Costigan, Dick Dalton and Joe Von Ronne, along with present Vice Commanders Bill Campbell and Joe Roehr; also Post members Hank Kindberg, Tip Nelson and Hank Voorhees.

"Whatever the results of their efforts these fellows deserve the gratitude of all Blanchard Legionnaires," states Commander Kaplan. "They are a devoted group of men who have for their interest the betterment of our Post and the American Legion in our community. Show your confidence in them by coming to the Post meetings on April 15 and May 6 and express your interest and position in this point in the history of Blanchard Post."

## CAMPBELL FOR COMMANDER

The Nominating Committee of which Past Commander Ed Costigan is Chairman had this slate of officers for the coming year prepared to present to the April 1 Post meeting:

Commander ..... William J. Campbell

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Robert J. Smith

Subject to the action by the Post members when the slate is offered the election for these offices will occur at the mid-May Post meeting. Unless the long standing pattern is changed and a contest arises there is 100% possibility of this slate becoming our 1968-69 officers.

## WW I VETS

The Del Lanes dining room in Delmar is now the meeting place for the Old-Timers. The time is the same, every second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. until the summer months. Their main 'spoke', Win Robinson, our Post's first Commander, has recovered from his operation and is looking forward to a short stay in Florida.

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## BOB COBURN TO BE GRAND MARSHAL

Post Commander Sid Kaplan and Memorial Day Parade Chairman Bob Ballantine have selected World War I and II vet Robert S. Coburn to head this year's march.

Bob resides in Glenmont. He is a Past Albany County American Legion Commander having been elected to that Post while he was a member of Ravena Post No. 144. That was in 1949-1950. In World War I he was with the A.E.F. and in World War II he was a Sea-Bee with duty in the South Pacific. Now retired he had a lifetime in construction work and was an engineer with the New York State Department of Public Works.

Memorial Day this year will be on Thursday, May 30. Mark your calendar for it. And if you need it now is the time to order an American Flag to decorate your home or business for that holiday.

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## TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITY

If we might have a second chance  
To live the days once more,  
And rectify mistakes we've made  
To even up the score.

If we might have a second chance  
To use the knowledge gained,  
Perhaps we might become at last  
As fine as God ordained.

But though we can't retrace our steps,  
However stands the score,  
Tomorrow brings another chance  
For us to try once more.

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The gentleness of a dove  
The patience of Job  
The grace of God  
And . . . the persistence of the devil.

## RED CROSS DRIVERS

Commander Kaplan last month named Jim Voorhees chairman of a special committee to furnish drivers to the American Red Cross. On the committee with Jim are Norman Bender, Keith Hubbard and George Reeber, all World War I vets. These fellows volunteer their time and service several days each week by reporting to the Red Cross Chapter House in Albany for the purpose of transporting senior citizens, disabled persons and retarded children in the Tri-Village area. Through this special committee Blanchard Post is given added significance for its upholding those points in the American Legion preamble which read: "To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation" and "To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

## YOU DON'T SAY

It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.

*Winston Churchill*

Beware of the conversationalist who adds "in other words." He is merely starting afresh.

*Robert Morley*

There seems to be little time for TV shows which capitalize on the spontaneity of TV's true gifts. Having been given a window on the world, we've pulled down a shade on which we show old movies.

*Hugh Downs*

With man's great ability to think and reason and compute, we can now pinpoint most of our current problems. The trouble is we can't solve them.

*Don Fraser*

The principle of isometrics is that you can build muscle by pushing firmly against an unyielding object. You can build character the same way.

*Wisconsin Journal of Education*

Card games can be expensive, but so can any game where you hold hands.

*Maui News*

When indifferent, the eye takes still photographs; when interested, movies.

*Malcom de Chazal*

Most families do not worry about the wolf anymore. They just feed him on installments.

*Armand Cirilli*

Painting is the art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic.

*Ambrose Bierce*

I like not only to be loved, but to be told that I am loved; the realm of silence is large enough beyond the grave.

*George Eliot*

There's one thing that February teaches — that even a good disposition is no match for a bad cold.

*Sparta, Ga., Ishmaelite*

There's one thing we'd like to say to sufferers of chronic anxiety: "Drop Dread!"

*S. S. Biddle*

I like all the old traditions. I can remember my mammy saying, "Mind your manners, honey. Someday they'll be coming back in style."

*Marion Green*

Jack Pellettier and Marge Hauesser say

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