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## POST FUND STILL CLIMBING

The membership of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following merchants for their wonderful receiving of our Fund Raising Committee workers. At this time our total amount raised stands at \$11,000. We take pride in publishing the fellowship list of merchants that have been so understanding of our dream for a new Legion Home. Our drive is now starting to progress and our intentions are to keep adding names in each issue of our paper as drive members bring in additional donations. Our door to door drive of Legion Members is also in progress.

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## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, April 7 — The Post Affairs  
Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.  
Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.  
MONDAY, April 14 — Mid-monthly  
Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY, April 15 — The Blanchard  
Auxiliary meets at 8:00 p.m.  
Initiation of new members.  
SATURDAY, April 26 — The Past  
Commander's Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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## Auxiliary Dinner

I had the privilege of attending a buffet dinner given by the Women's Auxiliary, with my member wife, and it was a well organized affair. I believe all the members of the Auxiliary brought some food—boy, what a selection there was! Also films of the beginning of the Blanchard Post, plus parades, services, clam bakes and carnivals, were shown. It shows a great deal of work that made the Post what it is today. Also, the many fine times they had in that era.

Hats off to all the gals and especially the President, Maud Hafley, for conducting a very nice affair.

## State Bowling

Al Adams, George Feiden, Bill Flint, Dick Lenseth, and Ken Stinson will represent Blanchard Post 1040—American Legion — at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The date for the tournament is April 19-20. Good luck men! Stay sober and bring home a prize.

## Nominators at Work

Commander Campbell has named Past Commander Sid Kaplan as chairman, with Past Commander Rodger Fryer, William McGoe, Phil Lee and Warren Moessner as members of the nominating committee, to prepare a slate of officers for 1969-1970. The election will take place at the mid-May meeting.

## On the Mend

Bob Warren is recuperating from a serious operation at Memorial Hospital. Anyone interested in visiting Bob will be appreciated — especially by Bob!

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Historian .....	Winthrop P. Robinson
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**\* AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**

BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

President .....	Mrs. Herbert Hafley
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Second Vice President .....	Mrs. Robert Rosenfield
Secretary .....	Mrs. Charles Setzer
Treasurer .....	Mrs. Edward Tyman
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Historian .....	Mrs. Robert Broom

Commander Bill Campbell and the Legion membership again want to compliment Kay Mosmen and her co-workers for being purchasers, chefs, waitresses and dishwashers, for the annual Go To Church Breakfast held at the Post on March 9. Kay, as the chairman and her committee of Madalyn Lawler, Kathy Buker, Mary Woehrle, Marcella Gorman, Helen Kemnitz, Peg Butman, Margaret Haeusser, Zen Campbell, and President Maud Hafley, spent a total of 45 volunteer hours attributing to the success of this annual father-son breakfast. Do you think we could encourage Kay to originate a mother-daughter breakfast?

Approximately 30 new members of our unit will be initiated into the A.L.A. at the next regular monthly meeting on April 15. Past President Helen Reynolds is Initiation Chairman. During the early part of April she will contact the other officers taking part in this ceremony. The new members previously listed in each edition of the 1040 TIMES and the most recent to join our organization — Bernice Lawson, Louise Legler and Janet Johnson — will receive an A.L.A. pin.

I'm so 'sick' of winter — snow, slush, mud, puddles and craters in the roads — I want to see something bright, colorful, cheery, attractive, flowery, pretty, chic and mod. This malady of spring

fever can 'explode' the night of May 6 when Anne McGoe (the proprietor of Anne's Hat Box), presents a hat show at the Auxiliary card party held at the Post Rooms. Be patient till then, but plan well in advance to get your tickets from the Ticket Chairmen Mary Conner (439-2801, 439-5011) or Janet Setzer (438-4768). Other committee chairmen and members will be named in the May column of the Auxiliary News.

On May 17, the District Conference will be held at Red's Restaurant in Cox-sackie, and hosted by the Auxiliary members of units of Greene County. Attending will be our President, Maud Hafley; Membership Chairman, Zen Campbell; Rehabilitation Chairman, Helen Reynolds; and our Child Welfare Chairman, Lee Hurley.

Our congratulations on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and the best of good wishes for their future happiness are extended to our Treasurer Fran Tymann and her husband, Ed. Fran and Ed are currently reminiscing the wonderful memories of twenty-five years as they relax on deck chairs on their way to the Bahamas.

Remember — May 6 — the Rx for spring fever.

**Auxiliary Calendar**

**TUESDAY, April 15**—Regular monthly meeting. Initiation of new members at the Post at 8:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, April 18**—County meeting at 8:00 p.m. Place to be announced.

**TUESDAY, May 6**—Card Party & Hat Show at the Post at 8:00 p.m.

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When autos were first put on the road and we Americans started to travel, there were various crude signs put up here and there to warn the adventuresome. One such, at the beginning of a long and uncertain trail, read like this: "Watch the rut you start in. You'll be in it for the next thirty miles."

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The Nominating Committee, consisting of Phil Lee, William McGoe, Rodger Fryer, Warren Moessner and Chairman, Sid Kaplan, submits the following nominees for office in the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of The American Legion:

*Commander:* Hugh Stowers

*Vice Commanders:*  
"Hank" Kindberg  
Robert J. Smith  
John Ennis

*Adjutant:* Edward Korp

*Finance Officer:* William McGoe

*Sergeant-at-Arms:* John Mullin

*Judge Advocate:* George F. Wenger, Esq.

*Historian:* Winthrop P. Robinson

*Chaplain:* Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss

*Service Officer:* Thomas Piazza, M.D.

*Board of Directors:*

Edward Costigan  
Alexander J. Woehrle  
William Campbell

*County Delegates:*

William Campbell  
Alexander J. Woehrle  
Harold Barkhuff  
Sidney Kaplan  
Merwin Atwood  
"Hank" Kindberg  
Richard Dalton  
Eugene Fitzpatrick

*Alternate County Delegates:*

Warren Moessner  
Edward Costigan  
William McGoe  
Raymond A. LaMay  
Richard O'Connell  
George Reeber  
Joseph Von Ronne  
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 1969-70 officers.

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## PAST COMMANDER'S DINNER

Ben Becker, the Principal of Philip Schuyler High School, will be the speaker at the 38th Annual Past Commander's Dinner. Traditionally, the immediate Past Commander is chairman for this annual event.

The dinner will be in the Post Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. A social hour commences at 6:30 p.m. The dinner-dance is open to all members of the Post and their guests.

Ben Becker is known nationally for his outstanding accomplishments in the fields of education, athletics, community relations and other endeavors too numerous to mention. The Blanchard Post was represented at the last two Four Chaplains Memorial Brotherhood Awards when Ben Becker received the award and when he presented it.

In addition to honoring those who have served Blanchard Post as commander, the event is the occasion for presenting the Past Commanders' Award—a diamond-studded American Legion lapel button—to the Blanchard Legionnaire chosen by the past commanders as having contributed of his time and energy to The American Legion and his post in an outstanding manner. The announcement of the recipient is withheld until the occasion of the dinner.

Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$4.00 per person. They may be secured from Chairman Sid Kaplan (439-2882), other past commanders or Art Quinn at the Post Rooms.

Commander — William J. Campbell

### PAST COMMANDERS

Winthrop P. Robinson	1930-31
*Otto D. deHeus	1931-32
Ralph S. Butler	1932-33
James W. Seymour	1933-34
*Earl S. Jones	1934-35
John B. Hague	1935-36
Alex Gabriels	1936-37
Clifford Whitney	1937-38
*Frank Langwig	1938-39
*Raymond T. McGuirk	1939-40
Harold Barkhuff	1940-41
Edward N. Bresnahan	1941-42
Norman H. Bender	1942-43
Earl J. McGuirk	1943-44
*Chapman Henry	1944-45
*Charles Joyce, Sr.	1945-46

Bertram E. Kohinke	1946-47
Harold Williams	1947-48
*Vincent P. Murphy	1948-49
George J. Butman	1949-50
William S. Segur	1950-51
Joseph V. VonRonne	1951-52
William Johnston	1952-53
*John Wasserbach	1953-54
James O. Fanning	1954-55
Fred J. Dearstyne	1955-56
George R. Schreck	1956-57
Herbert G. Drew	1957-58
Richard C. Lenseth	1958-59
Alvin W. Greenwood	1959-60
Given S. Hynds	1960-61
Alexander J. Woehrle	1961-62
Rodger J. Fryer	1962-63
Richard P. Dalton	1963-64
Charles J. O'Hara	1964-65
Edward J. Costigan	1965-66
Joseph Cannizzaro	1966-67
Sidney Kaplan	1967-68

\*Taps

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## IRISH NIGHT

Chairman Bill McGoeey reports that Irish Night was a complete success. Close to 300 corned beef and cabbage dinners were served. The music was furnished by Marv Hershberg for after dinner dancing and enjoyment. The one bad feature that was noticed (again) was the fact that we need more room for complete enjoyment. Most of the members and their friends were assured that very soon the problem of more room will be eliminated. Again, thanks to the hard working members—including the Women's Auxiliary—for a great job.

To mention just a few members and friends seen at the Irish Night celebration were: Edie and Jerry Romano, the Kreidles, Bruce and Helen Swazee, the Bollmans (Ed and Jo), Bill and Kay Bellinger, Tom and Bernice Lawson, Joe and Ruth Reohr, Mary and Mike Mele, Ruth and Dick Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell, the Costigans, Mr. and Mrs. George Reeber, and many, many more. Again, thanks for a fine Irish evening!



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## BLANCHARD POST RESPONDS TO CAMPUS ANARCHY

As we all know, the local post is the backbone and the voice of the American Legion. The strength of the Legion flows upward from the actions taken at the Post level and the policies formulated at National Headquarters are engendered in the local post. This is all spelled out in the preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion. The founding fathers of the Legion made certain that this principle was to be the foundation upon which the organization would be established. Thus it follows that the community knows the American Legion by what its local post does or does not do.

Since its founding, Blanchard Post has maintained an awareness of its responsibilities to the community, state and nation. Current events, having a national security significance, have always been a matter of great concern to our members. Debate and decision in the American way has provided a continuity of vigilance of which we are all proud.

We at Blanchard Post make no pretense of making or shaping history, but we do take pride in our agility to react to those events which are of historical significance and which, if we are to fulfill our obligations as citizens, call for a response.

Thus it was appropriate and timely that Post Commander Charles O'Hara should introduce a resolution at the January mid-monthly meeting which would condemn the use of tax supported school or college facilities by any chapter of the anarchical Students for a Democratic Society. The resolution was passed unanimously and presented to the Albany County Committee of the American Legion at its January meeting. Blanchard Post has thus placed it-

self squarely behind our national headquarters which condemned the Students for a Democratic Society at its 1968 National Convention as a subversive danger to the security of the nation. This danger is no idle cocktail party conversational tid-bit. An S.D.S. activist writing in the magazine, *Dissent*, said:

"If the new left possessed the power to blow up in the impunity all Dow Chemical plants making napalm (along with the plants of Lockheed, Boeing, etc., which make weapons) it would do so."

The adoption of the resolution by the membership was very timely because on the week-end beginning February 14 the Students for a Democratic Society held a regional conference on the grounds of the State University of New York in Albany. The administration of the school, by permitting the use of its facilities, has recognized this group of self-proclaimed anarchists as a respectable student organization. After having been granted this permission, these arrogant radicals announced that newsmen would be barred from all the February 14 (Friday) night session.

It is to be hoped that the citizens of this state, through their legislators, will not much longer tolerate the arrogance of these hoodlums nor the academic arrogance of week-kneed or "fellow traveler" school administrators.

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## TWENTY WEEK DINNER

Dinner (plus prizes and music) was held Saturday, March 22nd at the Blanchard Post. Over two-hundred diners were served, (roast beef) with delicious apple pie and coffee.

Because the dinner was catered by our members, three hundred dollars more in profit will be added to our Building Post Fund. Not bad, not bad at all!

Thanks to the good members such as, Bob Geatner the No. 1 chef, and Phil Giacomo who was the No. 2 chef. Also a terrific job by chairman Merwyn Atwood who worked very hard all year and finished up with a great big success Saturday night. Other members who worked so hard all evening were: Grace Geatner, Noreen Giacomo, Gayle and Jim Commings, Phil and Ann Lee, Hank Kindberg, Gus Williams, Zen Campbell, Len Sellner, Bob Frahn, Kitty Williams and Tony Pelone. And don't forget Commander Bill Campbell working at the bar.

The evening brought a lot of supporting members who also enjoyed the dancing to the music of "Keefe Witter and Band". To mention a few seen at the party were: Pete Shaming (a long time member). Although his wife couldn't attend due to a bad eye operation, she was there in spirit. Anita Shaming was a past president of the auxiliary. Good luck Anita and get well soon. The Chetneys, Peg and George Butman, Joe and Grace VonRonne were also seen at the party along with the Bradys, McGoeys, Royce and Agnes Day, Joe and Toby Bauhofer, Al and Helmi Beckman. Again, thanks for a great time, keep it up. See you all soon at another Post affair.

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## Shuffle Board

I hear that Jim Cornes, president of the shuffle board league, did a great job getting the dinner together at the "Rest Seekers Inn". Also bus service was arranged to transport members to and from the dinner.

Royce Day was the master of ceremonies and spoke briefly. (But the long way around) and awarded trophies to the winners. First prize went to Pierce Green, second runner up went to Guy Switzer, third prize to Bob Strickland. A certain member by the name of "Mitch" enjoyed the dinner so well, he had two dinners. Also Al Beckman drank Ballantine beer, (ugh) and Dick Dalton enjoyed the Manhattans (about eight of them).

A great time was had by all, including Shorty Adams, even though he missed all the prize money. To all the other shuffle board members, better luck next year . . . and above all, have fun!

## CAMPUS WRECKERS

The futility of tolerating or surrendering to the disruptive demands of campus wahoos is a lesson learned the hard way by many American university officials. What has been too often overlooked, or ignored, is that the aims and tactics of our hell-raising student hooligans are part of a loosely organized conspiracy stretching around the world from Japan.

By way of vivid demonstration, we quote herewith from a recent angry speech before Parliament made by Edward Short, Britain's minister of education. He was talking about disorders at the London School of Economics, but what he said had equal pertinence to Columbia, Berkeley and Chicago.

"It is monstrous," he said, "to disrupt the life of a college, university or school because of Vietnam, Nigeria, or race, or because you are opposed to capitalism."

"This small corps are not really interested in redressing grievances either in school or in society. They are out to destroy."

"They are not socialists, nor even respectable Marxists. They are a new brand or anarchists. Some are Maoists and some of a new brand of revolutionaries for which there is no name."

"They are there to disrupt society. Their weapons are lies, misrepresentations, defamation, character assassination, intimidation and, more recently, physical violence."

"They are wreckers."

Mr. Short demanded an immediate end to all temporizing with the outrageous demands and behavior of such student anarchists, whose concern for the rights of the majority of their fellow students is non-existent.

His call to the British officials had equal validity for any American educators who have yet to experience the painful price of weakness.

—Albany Times-Union

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The main object of religion is not to get a man into heaven but to get heaven into him.  
— Thomas Hardy

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## Friendship Anchors

Most of us will agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that, "the only way to have a friend is to be one," but all too few of us do anything about it. We intend to write overdue letters, to send small gifts, to offer encouragements, to speak comforting words, or to give other evidence to our friends that we are thinking about them. But somehow we just don't get around to it. Yet, what are we doing that is more important?

Here is an idea that may help you to keep your friends: Every month, during the coming year, run through your Christmas-card list and, at each name you come to, ask yourself, "What have I done lately to anchor that friendship?" Then start dropping anchors!

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

A perfect autumn day is one when the lawn no longer needs mowing and the leaves haven't yet started to fall.

If you live as though the world owes you a living, some poor taxpayer is making it possible.

Tension is driving with the brakes on.

Give the weeds an inch and they'll take a yard.

A strange thing about blunt people—they usually come to the point first.

Sign in optometrist's window: "Eyes examined while you wait."

Some people get lost in thought because it's unfamiliar territory to them.

Can you remember when telling somebody he looked as sound as a dollar was a compliment?

Have you heard about the woman who has cooked so many TV dinners that she thinks she is in show business?

There is nothing wrong with having nothing to say—unless you insist on saying it.

The Internal Revenue people know just what to give the man who has everything: an audit!

The bee that makes the honey doesn't hang around the hive.

When you kill a little time you may be murdering opportunity.

The best part of the day is over for us when the alarm clock rings in the morning.

A clear conscience may be nothing more than a poor memory.

A new idea for a business—start a factory to make 20-foot poles for folks who won't touch things with 10-foot poles.

A family man is the fellow who has replaced the currency in his wallet with snapshots.

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

An intellectual is the man who cannot state a fact in simple words.

It takes a lot of pluck for a woman to keep her eyebrows in shape.

Children are the best possible aid to adult education.

The tree of liberty won't stand much grafting.

You'll never stumble on anything good while sitting down.

Children may tear up a house but they never break up a home.

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## The Boy In The Organ Loft

It was a cold wintry night when Dr. Moffit, a missionary from Africa, arrived to preach a sermon in a New England church. He had come to appeal for men to go to Africa as missionaries. When Moffit looked over the small congregation he saw a number of women but, to his consternation, only one male in the entire church—a boy pumping the organ in the loft. At first, Dr. Moffit felt he should change his sermon, but then decided to go ahead with the one he had planned. Its text—Proverbs 8:4, "Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of men."

The boy listened intently, drinking in the words that thrilled him, words which prove that we never really know how what we say may affect other people. When he grew up and obtained his degree in medicine, it was that boy who remembered Dr. Moffit's plea and gave a lifetime of unselfish devotion to Africa and to Christianity. His name was David Livingstone.

## SEARCH FOR A PERFECT TUNE

THERE is an old story about a vagabond who went forth in search of the perfect tune. For a quarter of a century he roamed the world. Here and there he discovered perfect notes, and he strung them together as he went on his way. A bluebird singing its heart out at dawn gave him several notes. Others he secured from the thundering music of a waterfall; from an old fiddler playing his fiddle as he sat before his mountain cabin; from a mother singing to her child; from a little brook babbling over the rocks; from the voices of children singing in a choir; from a gentle wind rustling the leaves of tall trees.

There came the day when the vagabond was satisfied.

He took his perfect tune to a great orchestra that his masterpiece might be presented to a waiting world by the finest musicians. It was here that his difficulties began. All the musicians agreed that the tune was perfect but no one agreed as to how it should be rendered. The violins wanted more emphasis. The cymbals and the drums wanted their parts stressed. The trumpets and the brass failed to see eye to eye about the relative importance of their parts. The orchestra leader and the players just couldn't get together on interpreting the perfect tune.

And so the perfect tune was never played.

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## THERE WAS A MAN

THERE was a man who was wondrously wise. Rather than behold evil, he closed his eyes. If anyone talked to him about another in an unkind manner, he closed his ears. And his lips were closely sealed against saying anything to defile.

The evil-minded shunned him, but he did not sorrow for loss of their company. There were more than enough good people in the world, and he courted their favor and association. This man always had plenty of friends, and he was a good friend to many. He always seemed to be in good spirits, and happy.

I undertook to cultivate the friendship of this man, that I might learn from him. What I learned was that, when one does good, happiness seeks out that one, and Fortune showers him with her blessings—the lasting kind that do not wither and pass away, as do the flowers of the garden and the grass of the fields.

This man had discovered what philosophers had sought in ancient times. His philosophy was so simple that even a child could understand: "One gets out of life what one puts into it." Saint Paul stated it this way: "As ye sow, so shall ye also reap."

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