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IT'S YOUR DECISION

At the first Post meeting this month, on May 6, the Post members will have the opportunity to vote whether or not the Post should go ahead with an extensive expansion program.

The last meeting of the Post on April 15 was the heaviest attended business session the Post has had this year. It showed how deeply concerned the membership is about the Post's future. About ten percent of our members were at the meeting to discuss the prospects of a new building.

The plan and design as initially unveiled by the Gus Williams committee met little objection at the mid-April meeting. The main concern expressed was financing.

A suggestion was made by Fay Walworth that the meeting hall which is also used for dance and dinner functions be put on the lower floor and the lounge and bar facilities go to the upper floor. The discussion on this point was negligible. It appears unlikely that the plan-

ners will re-arrange the rooms as they are now intended.

Only mild dissent against a new building was stated. Jim Hanson wanted to know what the proposed new building offers that the existing quarters fails to provide. Chairman Gus pointed out that everyone was aware of the overcrowding that occurs on party nights at the Post. He was supported in this by Tip Nelson, a member of his committee. A reference was made to "butt-bumping" which brought some reflections on this aspect of the social life of the Post. It was stated that the over-crowded conditions has caused those who might otherwise attend the Post party functions to stay away.

Two Post members who are architects, Max Simon, now retired, and Henry Kohler, made their views known on the architectural factors involved. The drawings which the Williams committee has for its present use in getting the pro-

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BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, May 6 — The Post Affairs Committee meets, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post Meeting; Vote on Building Expansion program, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, May 20—Mid-monthly Post Meeting; Election of Officers, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, May 21 — The Blanchard Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 24—Installation of new Post Officers for 1968-69 at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, May 27—Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 30 — Memorial Day Parade forms at Post quarters at 9:30 a.m.

ALMOST THERE

It would be a real shame if we do not make our quota. We have until Albany County Annual Meeting time to do it. That comes late next month. The suspense is terrific. We owe it to ourselves, to Commander Sid and for the good of the Legion to get those seven more members to go "over the top" signed up before the end of this month. If you're one of those who have not yet renewed your 1968 dues do so now and you'll be one less to worry about to make the quota. If you know a prospective member sign him up and that'll be another member less to worry about to make our quota.

We're told several thousand veterans each month are separated from the Armed Forces. They're all prospective members. Keep a membership blank handy to sign up a new Legionnaire. If you don't have a blank contact Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Bill Campbell or call the Post (HE 9-9819) and an application form will be sent out pronto.

The most recent Vietnam Vet to join our Post is Ken C. Ziegler, Jr., of Albany. He was signed up by another Vietnam Vet, John Mullin.

INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

"Mr. American Legion" of Blanchard Post, Harold Barkhuff, will serve as the Installing Officer at ceremonies at the Post on Friday evening, May 24, at eight o'clock.

A Past Post and Albany County Commander and Chairman of our Board of Directors it is most fitting that this esteemed Legionnaire officiate at this significant ceremony.

The Friday night was chosen for this event because it has been found it is convenient for our members and their guests. The decision was made at the Post Affairs Committee. The date won out over a Saturday which until last year was the customary schedule.

Refreshments and music follows the ceremony.

Friday nights usually finds a good gathering of socially minded members and their guests at the Post. For this important Legion event Activities Chairman-Vice Commander Walt VanWormer urges a good turn-out to give the new officers a worthy send-off for their term of office.

100th MEMORIAL DAY

This year marks the centennial anniversary of a holiday which is annually marked in the Town of Bethlehem with a parade.

It was in 1868 that General Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued an order which established this holiday. His order concluded with words which today have even more significance. They are: "Let no ravages of time testify to coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic."

Parade Chairman Bob Ballantine has a full-dress parade all in readiness to begin from our Post quarters. Step-off time is ten a.m., Thursday, May 30. Past Albany County Commander and a veteran of both World War I and World War II Bob Coburn will be at the head of the parade in his role as Grand Marshal.

The line of march will, as in previous years, move along Elsmere to Kenwood then via Adams Place and Adams Street to Delaware Avenue where it will pro-

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Auxiliary President's Corner

President Helen Reynolds and Past Department President Maud Hafley were missed at the Past Commanders' Dinner. But they had a good reason. On that date they traveled to Brooklyn to attend the Homecoming Dinner honoring the Department President Mrs. Bernard F. Kennedy. It's the old cliché "Everything happens at once."

Maud Hafley, Chairman and Zen Campbell, Co-Chairman have announced their committees for the Card Party and Wig Show, May 7. Tables and Tallies: Maurie Flanigan, Irene Van Wormer, Viola Knapp; Table Prizes: Marcia Rosenfield, Joan Stowers; Door Prizes: Anita Schaming, Lee Hurley; Tickets: Mary Conner, Janet Setzer; Refreshments: Esther Cooke, Shirley LeMoy, Edna Rooney, Lucille Cole, Helen Quinn; Wig Show: Elizabeth Schraa, Ann Carroll; Hospitality: Ruth Dalton, Charlotte Johnston. Verstandig's Florist will decorate the Post Room. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Auxiliary or at the door on May 7, 8 p.m.

Poppy Day in our Community will be Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th of May. Poppy Chairman, President Helen, sends out an urgent request for workers. She appeals to all members to distribute Poppies on either day or both days if possible. Please call President Helen now to offer an hour or two of your time. Remember it's the local Auxiliary Unit that has the responsibility for making the Poppy Program a success.

As you lunch with your co-workers or enjoy a cup of coffee with your neighbors, here are some interesting facts you might want to add to the conversation in support of our Poppy Program and in support of our veterans:

1. The red crepe paper Poppy is the ONLY completely veteran made Poppy in New York State.
2. Poppies are made in seven Veterans Administration Hospitals and one State Hospital in New York State.
3. Poppy material is furnished free by State Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary.
4. Making Poppies aids the veteran financially as well as psychologically. In

1967 veterans of Vietnam, Korean Conflict and the two World Wars earned a total of \$24,332.69.

5. Wearing a Poppy will honor the more than half million Americans that died and nearly one million more men and women that were wounded in the above named wars.

6. The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged that 100% of the Poppy contributions will go directly to the aid of the veteran or members of his family.

7. Most Poppy funds remain in the community in which they are raised.

The Poppy Program has been adopted and under the leadership of the American Legion Auxiliary for 48 years. How proud we should be to distribute and wear a Poppy in support of this Program towards its Golden Anniversary!

The annual V.A.V.S. Dinner will be at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post this month on the 23rd. The purpose of this dinner is to honor the volunteer hospital workers. Attending from our Unit will be: Esther Cooke, Mary Conner, Christina Barkhuff and President Helen Reynolds. Other Auxiliary members are welcomed to attend also. Please call President Helen for reservations.

President Helen issues an invitation to all members to join her marching in the Memorial Day Parade, May 30. Please wear a white blouse, dark skirt, white gloves and your A.L.A. hat (if you have one). Marchers will meet at the Post twenty minutes prior to parade time. However as this column goes to press neither the starting time of the parade of the march route is known. Please check your local newspaper and the Spotlight for this information.

Memorial Day is on a Thursday this year. Next year it will be on a Friday and perhaps thereafter to be almost continually celebrated on a Monday. Bill #S. Intro 107 is now before the Senate Committee on General Laws. This bill provides that a number of legal holidays in-

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ceed to the Bethlehem Servicemen's Memorial Park.

At the park Memorial services will be under the direction of Post Commander Sidney Kaplan. The services will include the presentation of a new Flag to Town Supervisor Bertram Kohinke who will attach the new colors to the flag staff. As is customary for this occasion the new Flag will be raised to full-staff and then to half-staff to the accompanying "Star Spangled Banner" played by the Fort Crailo Band.

Post Chaplain Kaulfuss will recite Memorial Day prayers. Floral pieces by the Auxiliaries of Blanchard Post and VFW Memorial Post of Bethlehem will be placed at the Memorial monument in the Park. The Blanchard Post Firing Squad under the command of Past Commander Dick Lenseth will fire three volleys and Taps will be sounded. Earlier in the morning a memorial service will have its traditional presentation at the grave-side of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, for whom our Post is named, in Bethlehem Cemetery.

On this Memorial Day it would be well to keep in mind another statement attributed to General Logan: *"If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts grow cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain."*

Ending his year as our Commander, Sid Kapan says: "More than anything else this year I'm appealing to all our Post members to join with us in dedicating this Memorial Day to a day of expressing our patriotism. It would make me both humble and proud to lead the strongest contingent ever Blanchard Post has entered in the annual Memorial Day Parade. It would be a grand finale for what, to me, has been a most satisfying and fulfilling experience to have served as your Post Commander."

Parade Chairman Bob reminds everyone who has a Legion cap to wear it on Memorial Day. In cooperation with Flag Chairman George Reeber they are working on a project, with the Post approval, of distributing small American Flags to the Parade viewers. "By giving out the Flags," says Bob, "we are helping to instill a patriotic fervor among the people, especially the youngsters. It will, I am sure, have a colorful and emotional effect added to the spirit of the Day."

Baseball Booster

Chairman Dick Dalton, Past Commander, reminds everyone to do their share in boosting the American Legion Junior Baseball program for this year. The County Legion is sponsoring a fund-raising campaign for which tickets can be had from Dick and Art Quinn. We should have a report from Dick on our Post Junior Baseball schedule for 1968 in the next TEN FORTY TIMES.

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cluding Memorial Day and Veterans' Day, if falling on any day other than Monday or Friday, shall be observed on the following Monday. The American Legion and the American Auxiliary oppose this bill. The reason for opposition is stated briefly but with impact: "We oppose any change in the present statutory provisions for the observance of Memorial Day or Veterans' Day, on the basis that any change would detract from and diminish the extent of public participation in the ceremonies for which these days were set aside and traditionally associated with them." The Department Legislative Chairman of the American Legion, Mr. George L. Bliss and our Unit Legislation Chairman, Anne de Heus request that we write our State Senators to oppose this bill and weaken the chance of its passage.

Anne Young, Grace Viele and Kathleen Dorn received membership cards this month from Zen Campbell, Membership Chairman. It's always a pleasure to welcome new members. If you didn't meet this lovely trio at the last meeting, Zen will graciously introduce you to them at the Card Party and Wig Show. We'll all be there, May 7—8:00 p.m.

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BLOODMOBILE COMING

As a service to the community Blanchard Post will be host to the Albany Area Chapter Red Cross Bloodmobile on Monday, May 27 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Since the dissolution of the previously operated blood bank system this is the first time the Bloodmobile will be coming to our Post.

Arrangements for the Bloodmobile were made at a special meeting at the Post on April 8. It was attended by Commander Kaplan, Blood Program Chairman Fred Trombe and County Vice Commander Al Woehrle. The meeting was sponsored by the Red Cross and attended by representatives of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Bethlehem Lions and other Town organizations who were called upon to participate in this one-day Blood Donor program.

Commander Kaplan has appointed Hugh Stowers chairman of the committee to arrange for preparing a buffet supper for the Red Cross Bloodmobile staff. A supply of orange juice will be made available for the blood donors.

At this writing Blanchard Legionnaires who have signed up to donate their blood are Past Commander Dick Lenseth, Billy Mitchell and Art Prue. Chairman Trombe will soon be starting a telephone campaign to muster up additional donors. Last year we had more than fifty.

Anyone in good health between the ages of 18 and 60 may give blood. A newly enacted State law has eliminated the requirement that persons under 21 have the written consent of a parent or guardian.

Blood Program Is Financed

There is no direct charge for blood or blood products provided through the Northeastern New York Red Cross Blood Program. Expenses of collection, processing and distribution are shared by Red Cross and the hospitals. Approximately two-thirds of this cost is borne by the hospitals and one-third by the Red Cross.

The funds for financing the Red Cross share are secured from federated or Red Cross campaigns. The funds for paying the hospital's share are generally provided by Blue Cross and other Hospital Insurance Plans. The hospital's share is

typically identified on the patient's bill as a blood processing charge.

Great care is taken to allocate the various expenses in connection with the Blood Program in an equitable manner. Financial arrangements are carefully scrutinized by hospital administrators and Red Cross officers in order to minimize costs while insuring clinically correct procedures.

Blood Eligibility Policy

The Northeastern New York Red Cross Program will operate as a total coverage program supplying the total blood needs of all hospitals in the area it serves.

Individual eligibility for blood may be obtained by one of the following methods.

1. By donating blood once a year.
2. By being a member of a donor group providing a blood collection of 20% of its membership per year.
3. By being a resident of a participating chapter meeting 90% or better of its assigned annual quota. Quotas will be evaluated quarterly.

Blood Eligibility will include coverage for the total blood needs of the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as husband and wife, children under 18, children over 18 who are unable to be blood donors, parents and parents-in-law and grandparents-in-law.

Blood coverage for those eligible shall mean either making available from supplies on hand or replacement within a reasonable period of time from future donations to Red Cross the total amount of blood actually used for an eligible patient in hospitals within the 50 United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and in Canada.

Blood replacement for non eligible recipients may be made by directed donation regardless of where the non eligible recipient may be hospitalized.

Replacement will be limited only by the willingness of the hospital involved to accept a transfer of credits from the American Red Cross.

Basic Donor Criteria

Don't come hungry. You should eat at your normal time. For six hours before donating blood avoid fat and fatty foods, fries, gravy soups, salad dressing, pastry and nuts. It's okay to eat fruit, cereal,

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VOTING TIME

At the mid-monthly meeting on May 20 we elect our officers for the coming year, 1968-69.

So far no opposition candidates have been announced since the Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers last month. The slate is here reprinted:

Commander William J. Campbell

Vice Commanders:

Hugh W. Stowers

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Adjutant Eugene F. Fitzpatrick

Finance Officer Robert J. Smith

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County Delegates:

William J. Campbell

Harold C. Barkhuff

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John Mullin

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Frederick H. Grasser

Hugh W. Stowers

Alternate County Delegates:

Edward J. Costigan

Sidney M. Kaplan

Joseph V. Von Ronne

Richard P. Dalton

Warren D. Moessner

Raymond A. La Moy

Walter Van Wormer

Robert J. Smith

Nominee Campbell is completing a year as Vice Commander in charge of membership. At press time he was only six short of the quota. Last year he was Vice Commander for Special Events and the year before Finance Officer; and the year before that Service Officer.

Hugh Stowers last year was the Vice Commander in charge of Activities. For several years he has been our Sick Call and Relief Chairman.

Merwyn Atwood is our present Adjutant. He was a Vice Commander two years ago.

Hank Kindberg is a new face on the high echelon ladder. This year he has been a guiding light on the Building Expansion Committee.

Adjutant Nominee Gene Fitzpatrick has been our Finance Officer this past year. He was a Vice Commander four years ago.

Not long ago Bob Smith filled in one night as Acting Adjutant. We now find him our Finance Officer nominee.

Vietnam Vet John Mullin is the nominee for Sergeant-at-Arms. John has brought another Vietnam Vet into our Post.

The Nominating Committee chose our first Post Commander, Win Robinson, to stay on as Historian and Father Kaulfuss to tend to our spiritual needs.

From the staff of the V. A. Hospital in Albany, Dr. Piazza has been nominated to be our Post Service Officer.

The Board of Directors are slated for three-year terms.

Commander Kaplan expresses his thanks for their work to the Nominating Committee. They are Chairman Past Commander Ed Costigan, Past Commanders Harold Barkhuff, Rodger Fryer and Joe Von Ronne and Post member Warren Moessner.

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gram to the discussion and vote stage are only preliminary renderings and do not have the official stamp of an architect. This it was explained by Chairman Gus is due to keeping costs of his committee to a minimum. When the time comes to have formal drawings for the Town Building officials an architect, still to be named, will perform the necessary work to officiate and stamp the plans for the building. It was pointed out there are several steps to be taken before this is accomplished. The most important comes with the membership voting at this up-coming Post meeting.

Should the vote be against proceeding with the building program it will be a saving to not have hired an architect for these preliminary drawings, Williams noted. On the other hand when the membership approves the Williams Committee action and plans there is still to be awaited the decision of the Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals, the State Liquor Authority and most important of all the decision of the bank which will be engaged for the financing of the project.

Gus reported it is now estimated that "ten percent either way" from \$122,000 is what his Committee now estimates the cost for the new building. This figure includes the engaging of a contractor who will do the foundation work and erect a shell for the new building. He envisages after that portion of the work is done, mechanical contractors will be engaged for the utility installations such as water and electric services. In the committee's thinking is the use of volunteer help.

For the funding it is anticipated to seek a 20-year term bank financing. The amount would be determined by the available cash assets. In the discussion it was suggested that our present Post home be sold. By others at the meeting this action was thought unfeasible. An increase in dues was also hinted at. Other fund-raising ideas were expressed to meet the anticipated seventy to seventy-five hundred dollars annually for principal and interest now thought to be required. This figure may be changed considerably, certainly up, after the selected bank determines the amortization schedule.

While the expressions of those at the meeting expounded the need for the new building — in fact, no one opposes the idea — there was a good share, usually described as conservatives, who expressed a reluctance to hasten into this costly project. It was pointed out by Bob Rosenfield and others that when the new parking lot was being considered there were many more meetings for discussing that project which was much less costly than the one now being discussed.

Bob subsequently offered a motion that another special notice be mailed to

YOUR VN AMMO

In the event you need back-up for your arguments with dissenters about America's position in the Vietnam crises keep handy this statement by Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford:

A Different Kind of War

The Vietnam war is a different kind of war and that is one reason why it is difficult, perhaps, for the American people to understand it. We are fighting a limited war. We are not fighting to destroy our enemy. We are fighting to persuade our enemy to withdraw from South Vietnam and to leave it alone. But as far as a military victory is concerned, I believe in a great respect we have already attained a type of victory in South Vietnam.

I believe our presence there, our successful presence there, has many times justified the cost to us in our men and in our treasure. And as one travels in Southeast Asia he finds that this is the general attitude. The leaders have no hope in the French. The British are withdrawing from Malaysia and Singapore. If it were not for the United States there would be no hope there. If we weren't there it would be only a matter of months before Southeast Asia, nation by nation, succumbed. That is not happening now, and it is not happening, in my opinion, because we are there, and because we have extended this shield. I believe we must continue to do it.

Taps

The April 15 meeting was adjourned in memory of Blanchard Legionnaire Harry A. Stoner of Delmar who passed away earlier in the month.

the membership advising them of the up-coming notice. To this motion Bill Johnston sought an amendment which would give a specific time to encourage members to come to the Post on May 6 to cast their vote. The motion was defeated. This issue of your TEN FORTY TIMES is serving the purpose to give you the nudge.

Town Action Awaited

Perhaps by the time you read this there will have been a decision from the Town of Bethlehem Board of Appeals. That body had a public hearing on this issue on April 17. It too attracted a large attendance. The Post must secure a special permit required to construct a private "club" in a residential "A" zone. The general expression of those attending the hearing was that the new building would be beneficial to the community. However, concern was expressed by some neighbors of the Post about the architectural design and the location of the garbage cans. About the refuse, Gus Williams told the Board the trash bin and its containers would be maintained behind the building.

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2. Until acute attacks of allergy are over.
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5. Following immunizations:
 - a. 24 hours for: Tetanus, cholera, diphtheria, influenza, typhoid fever, typhus, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, polio.
 - b. Two weeks for: BCG, Poison ivy, tuberculosis, yellow fever.
 - c. Small Pox: Two weeks after scab comes off, or simply two weeks if it does not seem to take.
 - d. One year for rabies.

Reasons For Rejections

Reasons for rejection as a donor include hepatitis, malaria, anemia (low hemoglobin), tuberculosis if active within five years, diabetes if taking insulin or oral medicine, undulant fever (brucellosis) if active within two years, heart trouble, polycythemia (too many red blood cells).

Encourage Others

The Blood Donor program is an American Legion all-out activity. If you can't personally donate you certainly can encourage others to do so. Mark your calendar for this important date and spread the word to get others out to the Bloodmobile when it gets to Blanchard Post. This is a community project in which the Post is participating. Support your Post by doing your share in this effort.

Thanks To Marcia

For her dedicated service and promptness a bouquet of appreciation is due Marcia Rosenfield for her monthly contribution to the Auxiliary President's Corner in the TEN FORTY TIMES this past year.

New Honor and Job for Sid

When he retires as Post Commander the end of this month Sid Kaplan will take on the reins of another active organization in our community. He is President-elect of the Bethlehem Lions.

SEASON'S OVER

The Blanchard Post Bowling League president for next year is Al Beckman. He was elected at the League Banquet at Joseph's in Selkirk on April 19. Elected Vice President is Ed Hanrahan.

The Bowlers and their wives had a sumptuous meal, steak or lobster tails, followed by delightful dance music. Jack Cleary presided in the absence of President Perry Smith whose season and term of office was cut short due to illness. Jack may have been the next president except for the fact he's moving from our area. He leaves his cousin, Jim, with us.

Charles Wiley was re-elected Secretary (or was it Mrs. Wiley?) and Andy Rooney who only this year acceded to the Treasurer's Post was elected to continue in that office.

The teams ended up in this order:

Coast Guard	Bill Johnston, Capt.
Marines	Ed Loftus, Capt.
Tanks	Skip Larkin, Capt.
Engineers	Ken Stinson, Capt.
Artillery	Angelo Tangora, Capt.
Navy	Bryant McCarthy, Capt.
Infantry	Milt Andre, Capt.
Army	Jack Cleary, Capt.

Individual awards went to Ken Stinson with high average, 177.68; Milt Andre, 645 for high triple and Walt Van Wormer 276 for high single in the Class A (first twenty bowlers) while in Class B, next twenty, Dick Cole with 157 had high average, Al Beckman, 563 for high triple, and Vaughn Williams, 232 for high single. Ed Hanrahan was the most improved going from 136 to 151 average.

Courtesy Card Program Grows

The Courtesy Card from Blanchard Post which is being furnished to recently inducted members of the Armed Forces from our community has now been sent to about a hundred fellows. The idea was initiated by Ray Lamoy who was appointed chairman of the program by Commander Kaplan.

The National American Legion encourages this program because it helps considerably to enlighten the recipients to the services of the American Legion and perhaps will serve to encourage them to join our Post or another Post upon separation from the Armed Forces.

The card identifies the holder as a member from our community and it entitles the bearer to visit any American Legion which is asked to honor the card by extending the privileges of the Post to the holder.

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