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BUILDING FUND PROGRESSES

The finance committee wishes to bring Post membership up to date on their drive for financing the new legion home. Calls are being made two nights a week. Two nights of calls netted, 86 calls completed, 56 requests for latest literature and pledge cards, verbal donations for the two nights \$1072.00. Others made no commitment on amount of their pledge. The building committee now has the new drawings from our architect which will be on display at all Post meetings. Also a large full color rendering of building is on display at Post rooms. The committee would like to see some of the original 96 who voted yes for their new legion home at some of the meetings. We could use some help on the finance drive and a hundred and one other jobs to be done. Help is necessary if we are to make our new legion home a reality. Your committee is proud to announce a building fund total of \$21,000.00 or halfway to our goal of \$40,000. If by chance you have not been contacted for a donation, please use pledge card printed in your 1040 Times.

Hopefully, your finance chairman,
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BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, May 5 — Post Affairs Committee meets, 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, May 19th — Mid Monthly Post Meeting: Election of Officers.

TUESDAY, May 20th — The Blanchard Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 22nd — County Legion meets at North Albany Post No. 1610.

FRIDAY, May 23rd — Installation of New Post Officers for 1969-1970 at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, May 26th — Board of Directors meet at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 30th — Memorial Day Parade forms at Post Quarters at 9:30 a.m.

MULHERON TO BE MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Post Commander Bill Campbell and Memorial Day Parade Chairman Ed Korp have announced that Colonel William Mulheron, Jr., Commanding Officer, Watervliet Arsenal has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at this year's Memorial Day Service.

Col. Mulheron has been Commanding Officer of the Arsenal since December 1968. Prior to which he was the Deputy Manager of the U. S., Federal Republic of Germany Main Battle Tank Program. Col. Mulheron received the Legion of Merit for this service. The Colonel entered the Army immediately upon graduation from Rutgers University in 1942. During WWII he served in seven campaigns in Africa and Italy.

In a departure from previous years, rather than have one Grand Marshal for the Parade, arrangements are being made to invite our 50-year members to serve as Grand Marshals. This is being done to honor these individuals for their long service to the Legion and focus attention on our 50th Anniversary. As this year's Memorial Day falls on a Friday, Commander Campbell urges each member to plan now to participate in the Parade.

Commenting further, Commander Campbell stated that it is only through individual participation in patriotic and memorial services such as this, that we as a Post pay public honor to our fallen comrades.

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★ **AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**

BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

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We're running close to the spring Card Party date—May 6th—So hurry for those last minute tickets. The Co-Chairmen for the evening are Zen Campbell and President Maud Hafley. Other committee members are Hostesses, Esther Cooke and Irene White; Refreshments, Norrine Cooke; Table and Tallies, Joan Stowers; Prizes, Lee Hurley and Maud Hafley; Hat Show, Anne McGoe and Mary Kaplan.

Norrine Cooke substituted for Helen Reynolds as Initiation Chairman at the April meeting. Claire Reeber signed her membership card a few days before the initiation ceremony—so she became the newest of the new members to join our organization.

President Maud Hafley received a Certificate from the Administration of the Veterans' Hospital honoring her for 250 hours of volunteer work. The membership is proud of our President.

On the agenda of the May meeting will be the election and installation of officers. The Nominating Committee consists of Helen Reynolds as Chairman; Irene White and Lee Hurley, Past Presidents; and members Joan Stowers, Ada Turner, Gloria Broom and Helen Quinn.

Chaplain Esther Cooke will also lead the Memorial Service at this meeting.

Members participating in the service will be notified by Esther prior to May 20.

America's silent tribute to her heroes will be displayed in the Tri-Village area on May 21st—Poppy Day—when members of the American Legion Auxiliary urge all members of the community to accept a Poppy in memorial to the war dead. Poppy Chairman, Marcia Rosenfield will soon be calling the membership asking for a small portion of their time on that day to distribute Poppies. Please be a volunteer.

"For more than 45 years red Poppies have been worn proudly by many Americans. We wear this Poppy once a year to signify the feeling of reverence in our hearts for the servicemen who died for America during two World Wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. The Poppy is their flower. It grew along the battle lines and among the graves of American dead; because of this it has become the symbol of their sacrifice.

But in addition to serving as a memorial to the war dead, the Poppy helps lighten the burden carried by the men who returned disabled in mind and body. Making Poppies gives employment to veterans who otherwise would not be able to earn support for themselves and their families. What form of aid could be more effective than helping veterans aid themselves with productive work? Poppy day provides an opportunity for the Tri-Village community to offer encouragement and support to these men.

Dimes and dollars contributed during Poppy Day go directly into the rehabilitation and child welfare program of our unit. Not one cent is retained by the organization. Our Poppy Day purpose has always been to honor the war dead by assisting the living."

Understanding the character and purpose of Poppy Day, would any of us wish to ignore the appeal to volunteer.

To summarize the importance of Poppy Day, four of the most significant facts to stress are; Poppies are made entirely by the disabled veterans who, in turn, are paid for their work. All contributions received from Poppy Day go directly to aid disabled veterans or members of their families, especially

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children of war veterans left in need by the disability of their fathers. By wearing a Poppy on Poppy Day we honor the sacrifices made by our servicemen while assisting the living.

Three of our members were hospitalized. Edna Rooney had a knee disorder and is hobbling around on crutches. Mabel McCredie had an operation but is now on the mend. Helen Reynolds has a few kidney stones which she wants to give away. We wish our ailing trio all a speedy recovery.

Our sincere condolences are sent to Vice President Zen Campbell and her family. Zen lost her father in April. We acknowledge our sympathy to Zen and send her our thoughts of understanding.

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The Poppy of Remembrance

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Our nation pauses, its respect to pay
To those who died that we might live
And, in dying, had no more to give

While—in veterans hospitals, you will find
The sick, the maimed, the ill in mind
Who paid a price, and are paying still
The aftermath of Wars ill will

And so, each year—they hope you'll take
Their little poppies for memory's sake
With eyes bedimmed and fingers old
The little Poppies soon unfold

So—present your Poppies on street and lane
And show our veterans that once again
They are not forgotten; and proud of the
chance

We'll wear their Poppies of remembrance.

Florence Rice
Unit No. 273

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

We are the dead.

Short days ago we lived, feld dawn, saw
sunset glow

Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The Torch—by yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Colonel John McCrae

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AUXILIARY NEWS*continued from page three***America's Answer**

Rest in peace, ye Flanders dead,
The fight that ye so bravely led
We've taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep,
With each a cross to mark his bed,
Where once his own life-blood ran red.
So let your rest be sweet and deep
In Flanders' field.

Fear not that ye have died for naught,
The torch ye threw to us we caught,
Ten million hands will hold it high,
And Freedom's light shall never die!
We've learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders' field.

R. W. Lillard

With Poppies in hand and hesitant feet
I viewed my first sale crossing the street.
A kindly old man, a stranger to me
This was my customer-to-be.

Thoughts raced through my head . . .
Just what words should be said . . .
A Lecture on Duty or a Prayer for the Dead?
I couldn't decide, with time drawing near
But when he approached, why that Old Dear
He used the words I couldn't find
The way so clear, I must have been blind.

He ASKED me for one to wear
He said there were memories he couldn't share
But he wanted a Poppy, for Someone,
Somewhere.

He fastened it proudly and with a sad smile
Left me standing—awed for awhile
His quiet courage, a grand sight to see
And we stood straighter . . . my Poppies and
me.

Bonnie Saylor
Allegany County

BE A POPPY VOLUNTEER

Auxiliary Calendar

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

FRIDAY, May 16—County meeting at
8:00 p.m. Place to be announced.

TUESDAY, May 20—Regular monthly
meeting at the Post at 8:00 p.m. In-
stallation of officers and Memorial
Service.

WEDNESDAY, May 21—Poppy Day in
the Tri-Village area. All day.

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**LEGIONNAIRES GIVE
15th PARTY FOR
ALBANY CHAPTER**

By Dorothy Wogatskes

Albany, N. Y.—On February 1st the Nathaniel A. Blanchard American Legion Post, for the 15th consecutive year, rolled out the welcome mat for the Albany Chapter, serving them a delicious luncheon. This party, initially held for us in our first full year of operation, is looked forward to by our members as the highlight of our social calendar.

The ladies auxiliary of the post served a delicious chicken a la king dinner, followed by entertainment that really made the rafters ring. Ned Costigan and the "Images" came on strong with their "hard rock" sound and kept the Indoor Sports alert for the rest of the afternoon.

Mike Norton, chairman for this affair since its inception, announced he would no longer be dinner chairman. But he claims to be planning something new for our entertainment. Albany Chapter President Ruth Meyette and Good Sport President Adele Herrington expressed their thanks on behalf of their Chapters for the many kindnesses shown to us by the Blanchard Post.

All the members of the Albany Chapters extend to Commander Campbell and all his great Legionnaires our heartfelt thanks for all they have done for our group. And that includes the Ladies Auxiliary (those lovely ladies we love so much) for serving the delicious dinners we enjoy so much.

The preceding article appeared in the Indoor Sports National Hookup which had two pictures with it but were too dark for our paper. We thank them for putting our name from coast to coast. This is one event we look forward to.

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Memorial Day Parade

Ed Korps is chairman of the Memorial Day Parade, May 31st. Also Ed reports that this year will be a bit different. All the Marshalls will be World War I veterans—in honor of the American Legion's 50th anniversary.

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BUILDING FUND MEN AT WORK



Pictured above are part of the telephone committee hard at work raising funds for Blanchard Post's new building. Shown are George Butman, Sidney Kaplan, Al Greenwood and Joe Von Ronne. Missing from the scene are Fay Walworth, Jack Chesney and Hank Kindberg.

We are grateful for the use of Al Greenwood's office facilities and for the time these gentlemen spend on Tuesday and Thursday evenings contacting all the Post membership in an attempt to secure pledges toward financing our new Post Home. A great deal of time and hard work is being spent here by a few so that many will benefit. Your response in the affirmative would be a fine way to show your appreciation for the labor of this group when they call you for your pledge to our building fund. Coupon is printed below.

PLEDGES

For those of you who want to make a pledge to the building fund and have not been contacted to date, please fill out the form below and send to the Building Fund chairman Joseph von Ronne.

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SUNDAY**

Happenings

Dick Dalton, our manager of Blanchard Post baseball team is vacationing with his lovely wife Ruth in Hawaii. On his return I am sure he will have a good report on the progress of our baseball team. Hurry back Dick, spring is in the air.

Sid Kaplan and Don Lansing put on a champagne party every Friday. Come join them (o boy!). Music is still furnished by John Ranelluci every Friday night and they all seem to enjoy it very much.

Someone saw Gus Williams at the Post with his nice wife and both looked tanned and rested. (He looks better than Pete Williams).

Joe Reohr must really feel proud when he observes how well the twenty week club is progressing, Joe started the whole operation.

We all hope Andy and his wife Edna are recuperating from their recent illnesses. We all miss watching them dance at the Post Friday nights. (They really dance well, watch them sometime!)

Survivor's Survey

America's war veteran population is "middle-aged," a recent survey of survivor's of the Nation's last six wars shows: in 1968, the veteran population was about 26 million, the average of which was 44 years old. The veteran population accounts for about one-eighth of the entire U. S. count. A breakdown of the number of surviving veterans, by war, is as follows:

Indian War	2
Spanish-American War	8,000
World War I	1,766,000
World War II	14,700,000
Korean War	5,800,000
Vietnam Era	2,200,000*

*This figure increases by about 70,000 per month.

Installation of Officers

Harold Barkuff, will serve as the installing officer at ceremonies at the Post on Friday Evening, May 25th, at eight o'clock.

We hope a good number turns out to give our new officers a worthy send-off for their term of office.

Comments and Letters

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find check for the New American Legion Home Building Fund in memory of my husband, Louis A. Irvin.

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Honor Bound

We heard through the grape vine that Bill McGoey will be honored at the past commanders dinner, April 26th. Bill will receive the diamond pin for contributing his time and services all year round. When asked to help on any and all occasions, Bill was always there. Good Luck Bill, it couldn't happen to a nicer member. We'll all be there to see you.

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When God Speaks in Whispers

Having lived with partial deafness since childhood, I looked forward to being fitted with a hearing aid. But the day I received my aid from the doctor, I was dismayed at the ugly noises I heard: honking horns, grinding machines—and yes, angry voices. Each sound was magnified.

I'll never, never get used to this bedlam, I thought as I hurried home to my husband and children. The younger ones would be asleep, but my teen-age daughter was waiting for me to return so she could go out. I was surprised at the low hum the car made; I'd never heard it before. I began supper and was startled by new sounds—water bubbling, meat frying. There was so much to distract me. I began to feel a bit sorry I had bothered to get the hearing aid—I could have managed without it. Then I peeked into the children's room to make sure they were sleeping.

Suddenly, I heard another strange, new sound—soft and measured. I walked into the room and stood enchanted. I was hearing the soft breathing of the two sleeping children. It was a beautiful sound. I forgot my earlier displeasure and breathed a "Thank You, God, for my hearing and for the doctors who have helped make it possible."

'DADDY DOES IT THIS WAY'

By Maxie Baughan, Los Angeles Rams

It happened in a crucial game against the Baltimore Colts and before a nationwide TV audience which included by five-year-old son, Max. I lost my temper. A face-mask penalty called against us seemed unjust to me, so angrily I ripped off my helmet and flung it onto the ground, bouncing it 30 feet upward.

Later that day my son was in the backyard playing football. When my wife came out for a minute to watch, Max shouted at her, "Dad does it this way!" Then with a sudden scowl he ripped off his football helmet and tossed it to the ground.

Life father, like son. What a poor example I had set for Max with my show of temper!

To make it worse, football helmets have a special significance for me. I have collected headgear from each team I've played on ever since I was an eight-year-old in Bessemer, Alabama. There are two that I hope to add to my collection. The first is the one I wear in the Super Bowl after the Rams win the NFL championship.

The other is referred to in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians: "... let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation."

So, Max, I won't be tossing any more helmets in the air. They mean too much to me to throw them around.

A Simple Formula

All things are possible to him who believes; they are less difficult to him who hopes; they are easy to him who loves; and they are simple to any who do all three.

—Brother Lawrence

AN OLD HINDU LEGEND

There was a time when all men were gods, but they so abused their divinity that Brahma, the chief god, decided to take divine power away from men and hide it where they would never find it. Where to hide it became the big question.

When the lesser gods were called in council to consider this question, they said, "We will bury man's divinity deep in the earth." But Brahma said, "No, that will not do, for man will dig deep down into the earth and find it." Then they said, "Well, we will sink his divinity into the deepest ocean." But again Brahma replied, "No, for man will eventually explore the depths of every ocean and will be sure some day to find it and take it up again for himself." Then the lesser gods concluded, "We do not know where to hide it, for it seems there is no place on earth or in the sea that man will not eventually reach."

Then Brahma said, "Here is what we will do with man's divinity. We will hide it deep down in man himself, for he will never think to look for it there." Ever since then, the legend concludes, man has been going up and down the earth, climbing, digging, diving, exploring, searching for something that is already in himself.

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