



# Ten Forty Times



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MAY 1973



Ollie Palmer and Bill Johnston get together for the big parade

## MAY CALENDAR

May 25 — Installation of Officers

May 28 — Memorial Day Parade

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Board of Directors Meeting last Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SLATED AT BETHLEHEM

Plans for the 1973 Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade, being held on Monday, May 28, have been completed.

The parade which begins at 10 a.m. sharp from Blanchard Legion Post home at Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, will include civic groups, Bethlehem's six fire companies, and Bethlehem Tom-boy Girl's Softball League, which was New York State's Champions last year.

The parade chairman will be Oliver Palmer. William Johnston will act as grand marshal. Aides will be Vietnam veterans William Blanchard, Jr. and Bill Vogel. Bethlehem Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke will serve as honorary grand marshal.

In line will be the American Legion and Auxiliary, Bethlehem V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary, Bethlehem Shrine Club, Bethlehem Lodge of Elks, Bethlehem High School Band, Fort Crailo Band, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and 4Hers, the Parryettes (drum majorettes), fire department units from Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, Glenmont, North and South Bethlehem and the Village Fife and Drum Corps.

The parade route will be from Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive to Kenwood Avenue to Adams Street to Delaware Avenue to Memorial Park.

An American Flag presentation and raising will take place in the Park under the direction of Michael Mele.

All paraders are invited back to the Post Rooms following the parade for refreshments of which William Blanchard, Sr. will be the chairman.

## ON MEMBERSHIP

### WE'RE STILL IN THERE!

I would never have believed that we would last this long, but at the County Meeting held at Legnard-Curtin Post on March 29 Fort Orange was in 4th place with 417; Zaloga held 3rd with 471; Scully driving hard finished a strong 2nd with 749; staunch BLANCHARD held 1st place (probably for the last month) with 828!

We have had an excellent year thanks to all of you good people. I'm sure we have hit the end of the line—maybe one or two more might come in for 1973. As of April 9, 1973 our 1973 membership was 839. A hearty welcome to Blanchard Post to the following new Legionnaires:

Dean Barkman  
Frank S. Blaisdell  
Donald E. Jones  
Robert E. Johnson

Kenneth J. Burns,  
Vice Commander

## Sense and Nonsense

The increase in the number of pedal-pushers is bringing with it a greater number of bicycle injuries. Last year, more than 10 million bikes were sold—and more than one million cyclists were injured. According to the National Safety Council, collisions between bicycles and motor vehicles caused about 34,000 injuries in 1972. The National Transportation Safety Board estimates that deaths from these mishaps are now topping 800 annually. Other surveys attribute another 45 to 80 deaths a year to bicycle accidents not involving a motor vehicle. Most of the injuries or deaths occur in the 5- to 14-year-old group, but with more and more adults joining the cycling brigade (4 million adults bought bikes for themselves last year), there is likely to be an increase in their death toll as well. The NTSB says one important safety factor that may help to stop injury is to fit "the bicycle to the operator, especially his or her ability to touch the ground while seated."

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BY MARCIA TURNER

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A grand time was had by all, at our covered dish supper preceding the meeting on March 20.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Card Party and Fashion Show on May 1. Those modeling from Dorothy Lynn were: Diane and Gwen Grasser, Gloria Broome, Robin Mattice, Lynn Cummings, Mary Spencer, Marie Burns and Marcia Turner. Many thanks to the girls who modeled and to Betty Spooner and Mary Kaplan for many hours involved in putting this show together. The committee for the affair was tickets, Gloria Broome and Helen Quinn; door prizes, Lenore Smith; table prizes, Norrine Cooke; and refreshments, Ruth Burns. Again thank you, and to all who brought door prizes, sandwiches, etc. to help all this be possible.

Workers for our Bake Sale on Apr. 14 at the Grand Union were Lenore Smith, Marie Smith and Grace Gentner.

Marcia Rosenfield was initiating officer at our March meeting. New members taken in were Lori and Wanda Whitney, Nancy Brooks and Marjorie Ahearn.

We desperately need coupons. Those which we collect are Borden's (evaporated milk), Mrs. Filbert's margarine, Super Suds detergent, Grandma's molasses, Krey Meat products, Red Scissors,

Betty Crocker, Linit starch and Kirk-Octagon products.

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For those who may not know what we do with the stamps and coupons, I'll explain: The Auxiliary receives cash and merchandise for them, which we use to furnish the infirmary at Tupper Lake.

**WE REACHED OUR MEMBERSHIP QUOTA!** Many, many thanks to Della Brady for a job well done.

Sorry to hear that Diane Grasser and Eugenia DiSanto have been hospitalized since last issue, but understand both are on the road to good health once again.

We extend sincere sympathies to the family of Maud Hafley.

Dates to remember—May 15 is next regular meeting, at which time we will have a Memorial Service for our departed members; and May 28 don't forget the parade. Hope to see a lot more marching!

Hope these April showers do something for the May flowers—if they don't freeze first.

M.

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- ▶ The first cross-country auto trip from San Francisco to New York City was started in the year 1903?

**Thank You**

John Vogel, chairman of "Mod Nite," would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Angie Domonico, Neil Cummings, Jo Blanche and Dave Vogel for their help in making this evening very enjoyable for all those present.

**Winnah!**

A happy winner for the 50/50 drawing for April 13 was Bud Viele. On the same night the winner for the 20 Week Club was Howard Gmelch #119. Congratulations men.

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### THE SQUAWK BOX

Wonder of wonders, the 1040 TIMES received a bona fide squawk, and I am pleased to quote:

"I would like to ask why in heaven's name this beautiful Legion or the VFW out here doesn't have a bingo. There are so many senior citizens and young who love this game, but you have to drive all the way into Albany. Most all Posts have bingo but this one. I know it entails a lot of work but we have a fine membership and I am sure there are plenty who would be willing to work, including the Auxiliary for coffee. This money can be used for scholarships and many useful things. So, 'come on guys, give us old ladies a break.' We would rather give you our money and keep it in our town."

Signed,  
(A concerned bingo player and citizen)

"P.S. Let's hear from other people who like this idea."

This letter was received as is and not one word was changed. I think the people in power should review this letter and give a reply to this wonderful lady.

*Editor*

### Notice

The 20 Week Club Party is scheduled for June 23.

### Albany County Meeting

The County Meeting for May 31, 1973 is to be held at North Albany Post 1610, 29 North First Street, Albany. Support your Post—plan to attend!

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## "WHAT'S THE MATTER STANLEY OR CLYDE CHIT CHATS?"

◆ George Laird called from Florida on April 3 and chatted with all who were present. Then Dick Cole who was visiting George and Marge, had a few words about his trip. ◆ Tuesday nights the shuffleboard gets a workout from Frank Maio, J. Romano, Ed Yanni, Nick Di A. and the rest of the crew. ◆ With such a large membership it is almost impossible to keep track of our comrades who may be hospitalized. If you know of a Post member who is confined and is up to having visitors, please let us know. ◆ Ben Rigaud, owner and chef at Rest Seekers Inn really put on a feast for the guys at the shuffleboard banquet. Bill Campbell was 1973 champion on the waxed board (he must have been keeping his own score). ◆ Vic Preska: Where do you have Chuck Myers hid? ◆ Claude White has his harem intact on Friday nights. ◆ It sure is nice to have the WW lers enjoying their Post. Oldsters Pete Shaming, Earl McGuirk, George Brown, Guy Smith, Sr., Bob Edwards and "Shorty" Adams are regulars who have the youth-

ful spirit. ◆ Three bus trips in the near future: May 19 (Mets vs. Pittsburgh—father and son or daughter); West Point football game (family affair); and the New England Patriots (family affair). ◆ Doris Gdula, spouse of Al, honored for 17 years of volunteer hospital work. ◆ Carl Stinson and wife Audrey visited Post Rooms with older brother Ken and wife Kitty. ◆ Russ Denegan honored as pharmacist-of-the-year. ◆ Jack and Susan Barry dropped in for a little nostalgia and a drink. ◆ April 5 Joan Stowers was celebrating her birthday and her parents Norm and Mad Schmidt were enjoying their anniversary. ◆ Tom Potter, weekly visitor to our Post, is a long time member and his job calls for one day a week in this area. ◆ Uncle Gus had our mouth's drooling when he stopped off at Oscar's in Warrensburg and purchased some Smokey bacon and pan-fried it at the Post and gave a few samples. M-mm. ◆ Rollie Whitney didn't get his toupee but is sporting new glasses instead. ◆ Bob Gentner looking great after losing

a few pounds. ◆ Good luck to Ernie Gall and the Blanchard Post baseball team. Let's really support them in '73. We have some great boys. ◆ Met Charlie Redmond's namesake over Boston way; a bright and poised young man. ◆ Bill Campbell, Sr. really knows the knack of keeping his pipe stoked. ◆ For those that know or knew or those that should know, Mary Myers still has her candy store in her home after 51 years. How many thousand kids have trotted those back hall stairs? ◆ We often wonder if "Malkey" Walton will ever be forgiven for sending up a pinch hitter for Moon Eagan? ◆ Thanks from the two young bartenders (on Friday nights) to all the great people who bring their glasses up to the bar. It is greatly appreciated. ◆ Tommy Lee is real adept at putting cars, planes, boats, etc. together and real neat in the process. ◆ Time to douse the lights, Nancy, put on the latch and cover the cage.

See you next month,  
Clyde

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**FINAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS**

	Class A			
	Games	H.S.	H.T.	Avg.
Ollie Palmer	86	225	618	174
Jim Berry	69	221	570	173
Ken Havill	87	212	569	171
Angie Tangora	86	234	594	170
Ray Bender	90	226	607	170
Dan Lantz	87	244	664	169
Rollie Whitney	81	236	594	168
Bill Johnston	75	209	570	168
Gary Roach	90	215	587	166
Cliff Larkin	75	227	566	166
Jules Aupperle	81	210	575	163
Ed Korp	80	245	545	163
Milt Andre	84	203	577	162
Tom Foy	78	210	541	161
Joe Cummings	81	238	541	160
Doug Roach	75	197	533	158
Walt Berry	90	208	565	156
Al Pugliese	78	205	528	156
Joe Pauquette	78	209	548	153
Bill Volk	51			149

Class B				
Bill Mitchell	78	215	540	154
Al Beckmann	69	189	505	151
Joe Marino	90	218	538	149
Vern Eagan	84	220	530	149
Hank Ristau	84	194	511	149
George Feiden	61	202	519	147
Ed Vail	78	193	491	147
Bud Mosmen	72	194	515	145
Walt Roach	63	187	472	144
Ken Burns	90	224	491	144
Jack Brady	90	208	529	144
John Haker	84	200	506	144
Matt Dybas	84	198	523	143
Dick Cole	72	196	532	142
Bill Campbell	84	234	558	142
Bill Alwell	81	196	537	138
George Butman	72	204	471	135
Al Vanderwood	81	186	482	132
Larry Monette	78	178	475	125
Hugh Stowers	81	164	381	112

**THE EXTRA FRAME...**

... and Baby, whadda cliff-hanger we had! Champion Ollie PALMER nosed out Fightin' Jim BERRY 174 to 173 fer the league championship. Hail to King Ollie, a true Champ! *BUT* a big salute to Jim who made the toughest fite we've had in a long time ... the Tanks with Big Bill MITCHELL as Captain walked off with first place. Salud, Mein Hauptmann! ... and those good, ole Medics fought hard to win the cellar and as a result each'll be awarded a thermometer at the Annual Banquet! ... and parting shots: Ed KORP making the 6-7 split on March 16 and Walt BERRY converting the 4-9 on same nite!—speaking of Walt BERRY the gent who tells me “I never wear a necktie!” so guess who (in honor

of Padraic, no doubt) had a necktie on at the Post on March 17? ... 'n Jolting Joe MARINO came up with a 4-5-7 conversion, that's what ... and we've seen Alley-Catters 'n Alley-Catters, but at the Post's St. Pats Party Al DAVIS and partner and Warren REYNDERS and partner gave it some new interpretation like we've never seen before! Congrats to you two couples! ... and we got a dandy letter from Rita & Patsy RUSSO who sure enjoy their Florida home, but miss the goins' on at Blanchard. Their address: 3157 San Bernadino St., Clearwater, Fla. 33515 ... drop 'em a card—they're nice folks ... also got a dandy communique from Russ ADAMS. All the family miss Blanchard. Russ is to be congratulated on his acceptance into the ADCOP program. More college school days, Russ! Russ and family located at 4603 Mt. Alifan Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92117 ... 'n remember our fine buddy who transferred to Chemung County—John HERRICK, 108 Hilton Dr., Horseheads, N. Y. 14845 ... drop these good people a card ... and why do people say “I couldn't care less!” when they mean, “I couldn't care less!” ... and we sure have a host of nice couples in our Post—a couple of which are Ruth & Dick DALTON and Barb & Jack SELIG that's who ... yikes, is this Duster typing really 'rousy' fer dis h'year issue! ... and give a cheer for Walt VAN WORMER for the great year he had in hiz bowling league ... great turnout at County Meeting at Legnard-Curtin (Green Island)—Cmdr. Mike, The Duster, Hughie STOWERS, Bob ROSENFELD, Neal CUMMINGS, Bill BLANCHARD, Jack BRADY, John VOGEL, Al WOEHRLE, Fred TROMBE, Ollie PALMER 'n I've got a hunch I'm fergittin' someone. Who is it? William CAMPBELL, that's it! ... and congratulations to Al WOEHRLE and Charley O'HARA for getting Blanchard mentioned in the national magazine with their recent Americanism presentation ... and always a nice gal to talk with is Anne McGOEY (being born a BURNS makes Anne something special right off) ... and to all the Ya-hoos who think they can win an argument by shoutin' the loudest 'n not lettin' the other fella speak I say Barf! Barf! ... 'n I'll tell ya another true champ — Milt ANDRE, that's who, for all the great work he did for the league this year! (and a salute to Marian ANDRE for she musta helped Milt) ... and I hear a Club is in the makin' known as “Ole Delaware Gang.” Charter members? Why, Artie QUINN, Ken BURNS, Dick DALTON, Mike whatshizname, Mer ATWOOD, Hank RISTAU, Herm WAHL, Matt KLAPP,


Dick BENJAMIN—maybe we could ring in that ole 2nd Avenoor Bill DONOVAN —'n of course Frank LOONEY and Will RISTAU. Who else fer dis Albany group of Delaware-2nd-Whitehall Road group from 1930-40? ... and Brother Patriot Legionnaire, I betcha we have a real barn-burner at that second meeting in May! If you miss that meeting—well, I just can't say! They're *really* coming for miles around to that meeting! ... until June-Moon-Croon (Duster, yer olde!)

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**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL 2, 1973**

- Regular meeting opened in the proper manner by Commander Mele. 42 present.
- Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted on motion by Al Woehrle and seconded by Hugh Stowers.
- No guests or new members.
- Finance Officer Giff Lance reported a \$67,500 balance left on note. Post bills all current.
- Last County Meeting Blanchard Post still No. 1 reported Ken Burns with 835.
- Baseball chairman reported a baseball raffle: tickets available. This is only fund for the County Legion League. Members urged to purchase tickets.
- John Vogel reported on Mod Night—tickets moving slow; urged attendance; promised band will please everyone even though "rock."
- Past Commander Smith reported that tickets still available for April 14, 1973 Past Commanders' Night. Phil Lee suggested a change of name for Past Commanders' Night to arouse more interest.
- Good of the Legion: Ken Burns commended those who show up for County Meetings, noting that 11 members were present at the last one in Green Island. Hugh Stowers reported on County Meeting that county failed to read our letter of nomination and indicated no support for our candidate.
- Commander reported a committee to further his candidacy.

• Chairman of Nomination Committee, Al Woehrle, read list of nominees for office as follows:

Commander..... Merwyn K. Atwood  
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*County Delegates and Alternates*  
 John Brady, Sr Bill Alwell  
 Ken Burns Bill Blanchard, Sr.  
 Bill Campbell Richard Davis  
 Bill Mitchell Bill Fitzgerald  
 Ollie Palmer Frank Futia  
 Tom Rudolph Phil Lee  
 Hugh Stowers Bruce MacDonald  
 Fred Trombe Don Smith

• Comments on the floor by Al Woehrle and Phil Lee, among others, relative to Nominating Committee procedures.

• Ken Burns moved that the meeting be closed; seconded by Fred Trombe.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robert F. Edwards  
 Post Adjutant

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