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MAY 1976

MAY — A MONTH OF CHALLENGE AND ACTION

The 1975-1976 membership campaign, under the outstanding leadership of Milt Andre, has established the pattern for action by Blanchard Post during May and for the year ahead. The month of May presents challenges for participation in Legion activities to the membership in far greater number than any other month of our active Legion year. At the very beginning of the month is Loyalty Day (May 1), established by Congress on July 18, 1958, as a day for the public display of loyalty to Flag and country by each and every American. Then, here at Blanchard Post we have the annual election of officers for the 1976-1977 year at the Post meeting on Monday, May 17; Poppy Day on Wednesday, May 19; installation of the newly elected officers on Friday, May 21; and the magnificent culmination of a great year on Monday, May 31, when we present to Our Town the highlight of its 1976 Bicentennial Celebration, the Memorial Day-Bicentennial Parade. There is enough activity during May for the involvement of each of our 900-plus members. Other days to remember are May 8 (V-E Day, 1945); May 9 (Mothers Day); and May 15 (Armed Forces Day).

Blanchard, as #1 Post in the County, will again meet all challenges of today in preparation for bigger ones tomorrow.

MEMORIAL DAY - BICENTENNIAL PARADE

At 11 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, the Memorial Day-Bicentennial Parade will step off to the "sound of music." Blanchard Post has the overall responsibility for the organization and conduct of the parade, which is to be the outdoor highlight of the commemoration of our Nation's 200th Birthday in the Town of Bethlehem. The designation of Blanchard by the Town Bicentennial Commission to assume this responsibility was most appropriate in the light of our parade experience and the patriotic background of the American Legion.

Marching to the music of the fine bands that have been secured by Sid Kaplan and Bob Ballantine will be many townspeople in colonial costumes, members of service and fraternal organizations, youth groups, fire companies and our Post and Auxiliary groups.

Great interest and splendid cooperation has been the order of the day during all of the very difficult planning stage and Sid and Bob, co-chairmen, predict the "greatest parade ever" in the Town of Bethlehem. The many floats, which will be interspersed with the marchers, will be "spectacular." (We have Sid and Bob's word for it.) The Post membership can add the needed frosting to the cake by turning out in "spectacular" numbers—after all, it is a once in a life-time opportunity.

The parade, including floats, will form

at 10 a.m. (to step off at 11 a.m.) off Delaware Avenue on St. Clair Drive, —one block east of Cherry Avenue. For those coming in cars, there will be parking in the Senior High School lot and transportation in shuttle buses to the parade formation area. Specific formation points for each organization unit will be allocated by the parade committee and notice given to the person or persons in charge of each unit. Route of march will be east on Delaware Avenue to the reviewing stand at the War Memorial Park where a Memorial Day-Bicentennial Service will be held. Floats will not stop at the Park but will continue on to the Delaware Shopping Plaza parking lot where they will be on public display for several hours. There will be a judging of floats by a three-member committee, with plaques awarded to the best of each of several classes. Those who march or ride in the parade will be given an identification ribbon, entitling them to refreshments at the Post Rooms.

Again, all Legionnaires and Ladies of the Auxiliary are urged to participate, either as a worker or marcher/rider, or both. It will always be nice to say you were an active participant in an event that will be remembered forever in Our Town. If you wish to volunteer for anything, don't be bashful, see or call Sid Kaplan (439-2882), Bob Ballantine at 371-9601, or your editor, 439-4076.

POPPY DAY: MAY 19

"Wear a Poppy"

The poem *In Flanders Fields*, written by Col. John McCrea, a Canadian surgeon during the Second Battle of Ypres, has had the greatest impact of any poetry written during wartime. As a result of this poem, written in 1915, some 57 countries, including our own, adopted the poppy as the symbol of relief for the wounded and disabled and their survivors, a practice that continues to this day. So what better reason can there be for each American to support this program and wear a poppy.

Here's the poem as it was first printed in *Punch* on December 8, 1915.

*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 amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt 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; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

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AUXILIARY NEWS

By Christine Hoffman

OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

President _____ Barbara Whitney
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 Treasurer _____ Christina Romanski
 Chaplain _____ Lottie Van Dyke
 Sergeant at-Arms _____ Helen Quinn
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A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR—

MAY 15: The Auxiliary will hold a Snack Dance at the Post from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with dancing to the music of the Ronnie Nelson Band. Tickets are \$3 per person and the Ladies are thanking in advance all members of the Auxiliary and Post for their customary fine cooperation and participation.

MAY 18: Regular meeting, memorial service and election of officers for the 1976-77 year. Let's have a good turnout.

MAY 19: POPPY DAY. The official "Poppy Day 1976" will be observed on Wednesday, May 19, when Auxiliary members will be posted throughout the community to offer poppies to our neighbors. The poppies are made each year by hospitalized veterans in the Albany V.A. Hospital. The veterans are paid for assembling the poppies, while money donated in the campaign is used for veterans' rehabilitation. Because many helping hands are needed to make this a most successful day, the help of any member who could assist would be most welcome. Transportation will be provided if needed. Contact Noreen Giaccone at 439-4239.

MAY 21—INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: As you know, our installation ceremonies are held jointly with those installing the new Post Officers. Your attendance will help to make this a most successful combined event.

MAY 31—MEMORIAL DAY AND BICENTENNIAL PARADE: Your officers are looking forward to a record turnout by the Ladies Auxiliary for this



Harry H. Sheaffer, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem and Blanchard Post member, is shown opening the 1976 Poppy Campaign in Bethlehem with a donation and the receipt of his No. 1 Poppy. The charming ladies, sponsoring the kick-off of the drive, are Barbara Whitney, Auxiliary President, and Noreen Giaccone, 1976 Poppy Chairman.

once-in-a-century occasion. If you do not have a regulation uniform, please wear a white blouse, white gloves, a navy blue skirt, comfortable shoes and your Auxiliary hat.

The Auxiliary is happy to report it has exceeded its quota in this year's coupon drive, with a total collection to date of 24,000 coupons. These coupons are turned over to County, which in turn forwards them to Department. At the Department the coupons are converted to a monetary value which is used in the Girls State Program and other Legion and Auxiliary programs. For example, one year a restaurant-size stove was acquired for the infirmary at Tupper Lake. A salute to the efforts of all the Ladies.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Corinne McLaughlin on the passing of our beloved member.

Our sympathy also goes out to a great trooper, Claire Reeber, who fell at home and suffered a fractured knee. At press time she was in St. Peter's Hospital.

A REMINDER: Mark June 3 on your calendar. We will have a covered dish supper at the Post. Come and meet your new officers as a demonstration of your continued support of the Auxiliary and its officers. A dutch treat cocktail hour will be held 6:30 to 7:30. Each member is requested to bring her own place setting. Come and have your palates surprised and tickled by the creations of your fellow members.

Monthly Luncheons

The monthly luncheon sponsored by the World War II veterans of Blanchard Post will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 10, at Schrafft's Motor Inn Restaurant on Route 9W. All veterans are welcome. The problems encountered at the March luncheon were resolved with the management and the April luncheon was back again on the right track. So, we hope to see some of the missing brethren back with us again in May. Also, if anyone would like to come but would like something lighter than the standard menu, we can arrange that too.

The luncheon of World War I veterans will be at noon on Tuesday, May 11 at the usual spot: at LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk.

Golf Day—1976

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Ray Callagan, that enterprising golfpreneur, advises that all prospective participants in this year's golf day in September must have their "moola" in no later than one week prior to that day. He also informs one and all that those desiring carts will have to pay a \$10 deposit before they will be reserved. Those who have reserved carts and fail to make golf day, will lose their deposits. Seems rough, but that's what Ray tells us. More on Golf Day in September. In the interim, don't call us, call him.

MAY WHATNOTS

.....Big congrats to Madalyn & Norb SCHMITZ who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They took off for Virginia Beach and Joan & Hugh STOWERS went along to chaperone the two kids! ...Dr. Wils MILLER off on a distant tour. (I think my family is the only one in the Post that didn't go to far-away-places this year.) ...Ask Bob HOFFMAN about a good 1776 enterprise. ...and our sincere sympathy to Judge Advocate George WENGER on the recent loss of his wife. ...'n it looks like Dynamite Ken HAVILL roared to top spot in the bowling league this year. ...and there is Bud RUKWID and Bob DUGAN and all these other dudes in their leisure suits (git wit it, Duster, and git up-to-date in style!) ...If they held a contest for, "The Quiet Man" in the Post, guess who wouldn't win it!!! ...I've missed seeing our gal Esther COOKE at the Post that's who! ...I'll have to ask John ENNIS if he was a nervous father-of-the-bride (Mother-of-the-bride Dot ENNIS looks young 'nuff to be the bride herself, that's what!) ...'n we've missed seeing that swell couple Audrey & Joe FIATO over at the Post. ...'n its good to have that bowling and shuffleboard expert Fritz HULLAR (via Syracuse) as a member of Blanchard. ...Good to see Millie & Bill KARINS back from their trek to Williamsburg and points south. ...Art BLANCHARD taking sponsors for his 20-mile trip in the Walk-A-Thon for Crippled Children. Nice going, Art! ...Didja ever notice the more controversy we have at meetings the more attendance we get? ...'n t'was nice seeing Lois & Larry MONETTE at ye olde super-duper the other week. ...and I haven't seen that nice gal Helen HAKER lately, but I see that racial John allatime. ...'n there is no truth to the rumor that there is a project known as, "Get Duster Off His Duffer and Get Him Working!" ...and I'm wondering if Ray

BENDER and other softball stars from Blanchard 'r in spring training to take on Dandy Don DUNCAN & his Voorheesville Wonder Kids? ...Dynamite Jack SELIG wowing his league with an 890 quartet, while Ron UNSER also starred with an 832! Gadget, that bowling!!! ...'n we certainly have a charmer on the Fri-Nite 50-50 when Celeste BLANCHARD is in charge (naturally, sez Papa Jim, she takes after her father!) ...and talka bout luck in the family — John WILLIAMSON Sr. & John WILLIAMSON Jr. both scored in that 20-Week round up; (Yes, they're related to that gal Betty WILLIAMSON who gets her picture in the paper!) ...and I betcha a bob and a hae-penny that Joe MARINO and Al PUGLIESE ran off with the big \$\$\$ prizes on Hi-Lo Nite! ...'n certainly an interesting gent to talk with about Scotland & England is George SYKES. ...Hank VOORHEES is such a good guy about cooking big dinners—not only for the Post affairs but for other groups. I think sooner or later, some restaurant chain is going to make him a too-big-to-refuse offer to be a district manager. ...Margaret & Earl McGUIRK 'r always a nice couple to chat with. ...'n I had the pleasure of exchanging greetings with my gal Lee HURLEY t'other p.m. ...and I think George BUTMAN is our man-for-all-seasons and should inherit the vacated title of "Mr. American Legion." ...and say-hey when are we gonna get those swell dancing couples Marge & George TEN EYCK and Grace & John BENSON out to a Post affair—to say nothing of Mr. and Mrs. Jack MARTIN.

Well, kids, I'll knock it off fer dis issue (me boss, Chuck Jay, is a tuff taskmaster 'n wants this stuff pronto or else I git two raps from his blackthorn stick while he sings "The Ballad of Finn McCool.") So, till June, Moon, Croon, Spoon 'n all that garbage,

The Gutter Duster

Decorating Graves

The annual decorating of graves of deceased members of Blanchard Post for Memorial Day will be in the capable hands this year of Robert Smith, who will place the flags in the Onesquethaw Cemetery and Harvey Hasen who will do the same in the Bethlehem Cemetery on Sunday, May 23. Harvey will be at the Bethlehem Cemetery at 1 p.m. on the ... and invites members and their children to come help with the decorating.

Taps

Thomas W. Cavanaugh, a Post member for a number of years, passed away in the V.A. Hospital in Albany in the early part of April. Legion services were conducted at the funeral home and the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of the Post were expressed to the family by Commander Palmer.

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of Charles M. Matthews who died on April 13 at St. Peter's Hospital.

Bowling Finale

The final statistics of the 1975-76 kegeling season, following the last night of the season on April 2, are found below. This, incidentally, was league's 31st year.

The top team, the MARINES, was led by Bill MITCHELL and composed of "Bud" Viele, Joe Pauquette, Joe Marino and Jules Aupperle. Odd things going on —MARINO—4 years in the league, and on the winning team every year!

Individual honors go to the following:

Average (Class A)	Ken Havill	173
High Triple	Dan Lantz	634
High Single	Ollie Palmer	246
Average (Class B)	Joe Marino	156
High Triple	Milt Andre	551
High Single	Bill Campbell	217

The Annual Banquet on May 1 was at the LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk. The same officers were re-elected to serve for the 1976-77 season. Ray Bender was the chairman of the banquet.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

	HS	HT	PTS.	W	L	PINS
Marines	903	2487	81	58	35	69743
Sea Bees	891	2416	67½	48½	44½	68956
Infantry	881	2421	63½	46½	46½	68312
Air Force	909	2630	62	49	44	69532
Navy	885	2428	62	48	45	70164
Tanks	908	2490	60	45	48	69187
Coast Guard	891	2466	59	48	45	69614
Army	834	2431	41	32	61	65106

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Class A	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.
Havill	226	602	14883	86	173
Johnston	243	583	12748	75	169
Palmer	246	616	14706	87	169
Tangora	226	557	15566	93	167
DiSanto	232	588	12980	78	166
Foy	222	594	12886	80	161
Bender	211	580	14979	93	161
Aupperle	213	589	12895	81	159
Whitney	223	572	14713	93	158
Cummings, Jim	223	583	14148	90	157
Cummings, Joe	225	525	11789	75	157
Lantz	233	634	13594	87	156
Mitchell	204	540	13945	89	156
Larkin	233	539	11696	75	155
Miller	215	527	11147	72	154
Vail	200	506	14349	93	154
LaForge	217	527	12731	83	153
Oates	215	552	12833	84	152
Pauquette	201	521	11097	74	149
Volk	219	525	12371	84	147

Class B	HS	HT	Pins	Games	Av.
Marino	236	563	13628	87	156
Andre	213	551	14105	93	151
Beckmann	193	532	12694	84	151
Pugliese	205	530	12096	81	149
Hasen	211	524	12925	87	148
Eagan	201	514	12570	87	144
Ristau	193	478	10759	75	143
Brady	214	531	13284	93	142
Mosmen	208	496	10617	75	141
Haker	189	499	12907	93	138
Burns	200	466	12626	93	135
Campbell	217	493	10040	75	134
Feiden	187	475	8629	64	134
Monette	202	488	11611	90	129
Cole	163	451	9548	76	125
Alwell	162	404	8801	72	122
Butman	176	454	9636	81	118
Stowers	165	404	6987	66	110
McCabe	190	519	5958	39	152
Viele	197	511	6290	42	149

Sympathy

The sympathy of the Post members is extended to Dan Lantz on the recent death of his mother and also to George Wenger on the passing of his wife.

MEMBERSHIP — POST HISTORY MADE ON LEGION'S 57th

At the regular Post meeting on Monday, March 15, the 57th birthday of the American Legion, another milestone in Post history was established. Through the timely execution of a triple play, George Decker, Ken Eells and Bill Fraser paid their dues at the Post and enabled us to attain our hoped-for goal of 900 for the first time. Thanks guys—proof again of what team effort can do.

The count at press time was 911. With some 20 cards still outstanding, we well could reach 930. Last call to those few who have not remitted, to do so soon. Plans are already being made for our 1977 membership program, with the expectation that there will be innovations, and even "goodies" for some of our members. If our plans work out, and are approved, our column in next month's issue of 1040 TIMES—last of the season—will be one captioned "Early Birds." We hope things will work out so you will be able to read it and join the fun.

New members joining the Post since our last published list, and to whom a hearty welcome is again given, are: John J. McKeough, Jeffrey Sullivan, Donald DeAngelis, Patrick Waters, Mike Stone

and Jim Williams. And greetings to Dick Harrington, who reinstated his membership. Now all of you fellows, don't start out by being strangers. Come in, get acquainted and find out what one or more of our Legion programs you can get yourself involved in. What you put "in" will help us "out" and you'll get more out of belonging.

Now is the time to start lining up new members for 1977. All those new members we sign up after May 24 will be credited with having paid their 1977 dues, giving them up to 16 months membership for the price of 12 months. This should be a good pitch to toss at all those bargain hunters.

(Editor's note — Your membership chairman is planning a surprise slogan for the 1977 campaign but in the meantime here is at least a temporary one to chew on—"If the Dow-Jones could hit that magic 1000 in '76, why not Blanchard in '77?").

And, a final word on membership for this month: a big welcome to Henry L. Betts, a transfer from Sherrill, N. Y. and Rodger Fryer's father-in-law.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Post officers and members of the Board of Directors for the 1976-77 year will take place during the annual meeting of the Post on Monday, May 17, at the Post. The meeting will start at 8:30 p.m., and eligibility to vote is restricted to those who have paid their 1976 dues. All members are urged to participate. Here again is the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee:

Commander.....Daniel G. Lantz
Sr. Vice Commander
William J. Blanchard, Sr.
Vice Commander.....Robert Ballantine
Vice Commander.....Milton Andre
Adjutant.....Ernest Gall
Finance Officer.....Robert Hoffman
Chaplain.....Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
Judge Advocate.....George Wenger
Sergeant-at-Arms.....John J. Brady, Sr.
Historian.....George Butman
Service Officer.....Frank Zini

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Three Years: Michael Mele
Merwyn Atwood

One Year: Oliver Palmer

County Delegates	County Alternates
Kenneth J. Burns	William Alwell
Oliver H. Palmer	Francis Futia
Ernest Gall	Michael Mele
Hugh Stowers	William Mitchell
Harvey Hasen	Albert T. Davis, Jr.
John J. Brady, Sr.	William McGoeys

Nominations may be made from the floor the night of the election, May 17.

20 Week Dinner Dance

The next dinner dance sponsored by the 20 Week Club will be on Saturday, May 8, under the chairmanship of Jim Blanchard. There will be a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by dining and dancing. Tickets for guests are \$7.

MAY CALENDAR

May 1 (Sat.)—Loyalty Day, fly the Flag
May 3 (Mon.)—Post Affairs Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.; regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments after
May 8 (Sat.)—20 Week Club Dinner and Dance
May 9 (Sun.)—Mother's Day
May 17 (Mon.)—Annual Post meeting, 8:30 p.m.; Election of officers. Come and vote; refreshments to follow
May 19 (Wed.)—Poppy Day. Buy a poppy!
May 21 (Fri.)—Installation of officers; refreshments
May 31 (Mon.)—Memorial Day - Bicentennial Parade

Boy's State

Fred Webster has been appointed the chairman of the Boy's State Committee by Commander Palmer, with John Williams and Ralph Tipple as the other two members. The Committee will work with the Bethlehem Senior High School to choose a member of the junior class at that school to represent Blanchard Post at the 1976 Boy's State in June.

Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040

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Help Wanted

John Ennis, chairman of the Pick-it-up-if-it-doesn't-grow committee, is looking for help with the annual cleanup of the area around the Post exterior. He is planning this for Saturday, May 8, and asks any and all who wish to volunteer to call him, 439-9134, for further details.

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