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MEETINGS: REGULAR, MONDAY, JUNE 2ND, 8:30 P.M.
EXECUTIVE, MONDAY, JUNE 9TH, 8:00 P.M.
REGULAR, MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 8:30 P.M.

ON JUNE 2ND, after a short business meeting, Dr. Harold Browne, a 38-year member of the American Legion, charter member of Blanchard Post and well-known to almost everyone inthe Tri-Village area, will show the movies he has taken in many parts of the country. For instances, he has taken movies of the Hudson River Valley in Fall from the cab of a New York Central Train and has films from San Francisco, Miami Beach, Denver, and numerous other cities. DON'T MISS IT.""

ON JUNE 14TH, SATURDAY, the Post and its Auxiliary Ladies will have a chicken barbecue at the Post Hall at 7:00 P.M. This is a popular social event, and this year is limited to Post members and wives, and auxiliary members and husbands. Tickets are \$2.50 per person and can be obtained from Dick Lenseth or Mrs. Maude Hafley.

A DANCE for all members and their guests will follow the barbecue.

INSTALIATION OF NEW OFFICERS was held on Saturday, May 24th. with the ceremony being conducted by Harold Barkhuff, Past Commander of Albany County, American Legion. The new officers, effective July 1st., are Richard Lenseth, Commander; Harold Jorgensen, Dr. Stanley Klett, and Kenneth Jopp, Vice-Commanders; Frederick Vogel, Adjutant, Richard Dalton, Finance Officer; George Wenger, Judge-Advocate; Father Charles Kaulfuss, Chaplain; Richard Kieper, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Historian, Otto De Heus.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICES will be on Friday, May 30th., and the program is enclosed. We urge all Legionnaires to meet at the Post at 9:30 A.M. to march in the parade. Please remain for the 11:00 A.M. services at Servicemen's Memorial Park, Delaware Avenue. Refreshments at the Post after the parade are limited to the Fort Crailo Band and the National Guard.

The following NEW MEMBERS were installed by Post Commander Drew at the May 19th. meeting: Calvin Hessert, Vernon Winchester, Richard Dempsey, Clarence Lephart, Clifford Tallcott, Graham Easson, Norton Falls, and Robert Taylor.

DUES of \$5.00 for 1958 are payable to Dr. Stanley Klett, 4 Bradford Place, Slingerlands. We are short of our 616 quota, so please remit soon and put us over the top!!!

ALBANY COUNTY CONVENTION, American Legion will be at Zaloga Post, Sheridan Avenue, Albany on Sunday, June 29th.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, AMERICAN LEGION Convention will be in New York City, July 31st., August 1 and 2. Anyone interested in attending as a Post delegate may contact Herb Drew.

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THE BOYS STATE COMMITTEE, Headed by Harold Barkhuff, has selected Richard Schwartz an outstanding Junior at Bethlehem Central High School, to attend Boys State at Colgate University, June 22nd., to June 28th. Boys State is a citizenship training program designed to meet the needs of our youth and is sponsored by the American Legion, Department of New York.

Blanchard Post is proud of its numerical strength, and we think the quality and variety of our programs and events rank us as one of the outstanding posts in this district. However, we can be ashamed of many things. For instances:

- 1. In spite of pleas to veterans who arrive at the Post in late afternoon to lower the flag, it is NOT done, and two complaints from outsiders have been received recently that we leave the flag up all night. It is a very bad example and a disgrace to the Post and the Flag. Surely, there must be at least one veteran around the Post in the late afternoon or early evening who respects the Flag.
- 2. The Tetanus Clinic, undertaken by Dr. Robert MacDowell as a public health service, drew only 45 members, in spite of your apparent interest when it was announced.
- 3. A lot of work went into the preparation of 250 five and ten year continuous membership cards, and about 15 members attended our meeting to receive them.
- 4. The Kitchen clean-up detail on May 10th. consisted of six or seven volunteers. They did a fine job, anyway.
- 5. A potential championship team is eager to play ball for us this summer. We have new uniforms, the fields, and the schedule, and NO MANAGER.

Many veterans are physically unable to participate in our programs, and others have various circumstances which prevent their attendance. However, we want to ask you to re-appraise your membership in Blanchard Post, and ask yourself if you are supporting it to your satisfaction.

## DON'T FORGET:

Friday, May 30th., 9:30 A.M. - - - - - MEMORIAL DAY Monday, June 2nd., 8:30 P.M. - - - - DR. BROWNE'S MOVIES Saturday, June 14th., 7:00 P.M. - - - CHICKEN BARBECUE

Herbert G. Drew