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1960-61 COMMANDER TAKES OVER

Under the provisions of the newly adopted Constitution and Bylaws, Blanchard Post is now operating with a new administration headed by Commander Given Hynds. The election of Given and the slate of officers with him took place without opposition at the mid-May meeting at which 28 members attended.

The new officers were selected by a nominating committee headed by Dr. Stanley Klett. Their selections with Given Hynds were: Fred E. Buker, Jr., Patrick H. Igoe and Alexander J. Woehrle for Vice Commanders; Rodger J. Fryer, Adjutant; William I. Hayes, Finance Officer; Hugh W. Stowers, Sergeant-at-Arms; George F. Wenger, Judge Advocate; Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss, Chaplain and Otto de Heus, Historian.

For nominees on the initial Board of Directors set up under the new Constitution the nominating committee chose: Harold C. Barkhuff, Alvin W. Greenwood and Richard C. Lenseith for 3-year terms; Herbert G. Drew, Arnold F. Mosmen and William Johnston, Jr. for 2-year terms; and William Segur, Joseph V. Von Ronne and George F. Wenger for 1-year terms.

The Board will take the place of the former executive committee and, as intended by the new Constitution, will be responsible for the business affairs of the Post whereas the Commander and his slate will function as a Post Affairs Committee concerned with promoting the principles for which the American Legion stands.

A County Committee with Alternates was also selected. These are: Commander Hynds with Harold Barkhuff, Pat Igoe, Herb Drew, Bill Johnston, Doc Klett; and for alternates, Russ Adams, Warren Moessner, Hugh Stowers, Henry Voorhees, Frank Walsh and Charles Wiley.

As required these names were read at the first meeting last month. At the next meeting they were again read and their acceptance was moved by Wayne Davis and seconded by Roger Reynolds. Commander Greenwood asked for nominations from the floor and received no response. Nominations were closed and the new slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

TO BE A PAST COMMANDER

Another year has rolled around for Blanchard Post and another past Commander has been added.

As I retire to become one of those "low down" past commanders I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to every member of the Post who assisted me in making my tenure a very successful one. I believe many things have been accomplished during the year and trying to realize these accomplishments required a great deal of effort on the part of many members of the Post.

I would like to reminisce covering some of the major accomplishments: Post receipts were increased approximately \$1500; our assets increased about \$1000; our building was improved by painting; the beauty of our grounds was enhanced by removing weeds and trimming shrubbery; a new colored TV set was installed; an ice cube machine was purchased; a lawn mower was purchased to keep our lawns looking as well as others in the area; and last, but not least a complete change in the Constitution was accomplished in fitting with our major operation which is necessary for this modern age.

Thanks again for the cooperation of everybody.

Al Greenwood

JOHN OLIVER MEMORIAL

This issue of the TIMES may be out in time to remind you about the Memorial Day ceremonies which include the annual graveside ceremony in memory of the World War I veteran for whom our Post is named, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard. The parade, which assembles outside the Post Headquarters at 9:30 a.m., moves out at 10:00 and the services takes place at Memorial Park on Delaware Avenue. Of special interest this year will be the planting of a dogwood tree in memory of John M. Oliver who died earlier this year. Retiring Post Commander Greenwood performs this duty among his final official acts. Assisting him will be Harold Jorgenson and Al Woehrle who served the Commander as Marshall's Aides in the parade.

For his work in arranging the Memorial Day Program we salute George Butman and his committee.

COMING EVENTS

MON., JUNE 6—Regular monthly meeting. Selection of County and Department Conventions delegates. Refreshments follow.

SAT., JUNE 11—Smorgasbord sponsored by the Auxiliary for their spouses and guests. After the eating, the hall will be open to all members and their guests for a pre-summer night dance.

MON., JUNE 13—Post Affairs Committee holds its initial meeting.

TUES., JUNE 14—Flag Day. Display the American Flag. *Now, more than ever in our time, is it needed!*

MON., JUNE 20—Mid-monthly meeting

THURS., JUNE 23—County Legion to meet at Voorheesville Post.

MON., JULY 4—Independence Day. Fly the Flag for Freedom!

SUN., JULY 17, 2:00 PM—County Convention at Scully Post.

THURS-FRI-SAT, AUG. 25-26-27—Department Convention at Buffalo.

HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

For their generous support this past year we give a salute to our neighbors and friends who paid for advertising space in the 1040 TIMES. We are hopeful their ads met with sufficient response to move them to renew their ads for the up-coming year.

Art Mabeus who did such an excellent job last year in soliciting a good share of the ads has volunteered his services, time and expense to get the ads for the next volume (ten months from Sept. '60 to June '61). Already he has about a half dozen commitments. To those members of the Post who might be inclined to this fine service, should call Art Mabeus at his home phone, IV 8-0877.

New Blood Volunteers

Two names have been added to our Blood Donor Roster. They are those of Ken Bailey and Jack Chetney. Ken and Jack, or anyone, can make their own arrangements for donating blood to our credit at the Albany Hospital Blood Bank. (Meanwhile, the Blood Bank Committee will also make arrangements for scheduling these blood donors.)

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ALEXANDER J. WOHRLE, *Editor*
ARTHUR MABEUS, *Advertising***AUXILIARY NOTES**

Under the chairmanship of Kay Mosmen — the Blanchard Auxiliary distributed 2,450 poppies last month.

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At the June 21 meeting, the Auxiliary will nominate its Dept. Convention delegates and the Nominating Committee will be named for the purpose of drawing up a slate of officers for 1960-1961. The election of new officers takes place in September.

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Ruth Dalton is chairman for the Auxiliary's Smorgasbord Supper on June 11. That affair is for the Auxiliary members and their husbands or guests only. After the smorgasbord there will be a regular Saturday night dance, open to all members of Blanchard Post and their guests. Pat and Rita Russo will be chairmen for the dance portion of the evening.

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Peg Lilly and her committee for Girls' State selected Elaine Dennin to represent Blanchard Post at Empire Girls State this year. Girls State meets June 24 to July 2 at New Paltz State Teachers College. Elaine, a Bethlehem Central High School junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dennin, 202 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Post Renews Bypass Move

It is hoped that action commenced by Blanchard Post members may cause the State Dept. of Public Works Highway Dept. to revive action for the Delmar By-Pass. Early last month Al Greenwood called a meeting of the leaders of the Bethlehem V.F.W., Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Business and Professional Women's Club and the Home Builders. As a result of the meeting, attended by 22 persons, it was decided to make a joint appeal to the Superintendent of Public Works for a new hearing on this matter. We're now waiting for further developments in this matter.

Sick Call

Ex-Finance Officer Bill Butman was taken to Albany Hospital on May 15th. Also reported at that hospital are Jack Donohue and Maurice Otis. The Post has sent them get-well cards but we're sure they'd appreciate getting others.

A standing ovation was paid to Sick Call Chairman Charley Wiley at the last meeting for his fine work in sending out 40 get-well cards this past year. Charley gives credit to his wife for actually doing the work involved in this activity.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Legion's educational handbook, "Need a Lift?" containing information about hundreds of college and vocational school scholarships has been made available to the advisory staff at the Bethlehem Central Sr. High School by the Blanchard Post.

The handbook gives special listings of scholarships available to children of veterans who served in WW1, WW2 and the Korean conflict. Many of these scholarships are not used because they are not applied for by young people who are eligible.

The handbook draws particular attention to the 156,000 children of veterans who died in or as a result of serving in the armed forces and are eligible for the "Junior G.I. Bill" which may give qualifying students between 18 and 22 as much as \$110.00 a month. Legionnaires who know of children of a deceased veteran who intend to go to college should make them aware that such assistance is available.

While it is advisable for high school students to begin preparations for college during their second year of high school, interested seniors should likewise talk with the senior advisor at the high school. The Education and Scholarship Chairman of the Blanchard Post, Wayne M. Davis, HE 9-5565, will likewise be happy to be of assistance.

Junior Baseball Items

Blanchard Post collected \$74 for the County Legion Junior Baseball Booster campaign. Our program for the season under Dick Dalton has been set up and you are urged to give our team your support by turning out to see them play. The playing schedules will shortly be available at the Post. Again we thank Livermore Chevrolet for its contribution toward the support of our Junior Baseball activities.

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REVEILLE

Blanchard Post has two new Flag presentations to its credit.

On May 24 a Stars and Stripes was presented to Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 305 at Glenmont for the Scroll of Honor flag pole at the Old Glenmont School, H'wy 9W and 32. The girls received the Flag in recognition for the outstanding way they have kept the memorial area there this past year. Their leader is Mrs. William Comstock, Jr., with Mrs. Merle Oliver, Asst. Leader.

Elsmere Grade School is scheduled to receive a new Flag for its flag pole on June 24th.

Both presentations were made by Commander Given Hynds. The Glenmont ceremony on behalf of then Comdr. Al Greenwood and the Elsmere presentation under the Hynds administration.

Blanchard Baseball Schedule

Manager Dick Dalton will take our team to Mullon Park in North Albany on Saturday, June 11 for its opening game of the season. The Blanchard team will seek the scalp of the Menands Post team to start the season. If they are successful there, the next day, Sunday, June 12th, they move over to the Shaker High School where the Colonie Post team will be their host team.

The following Saturday, June 18, is our first home game at the Bethlehem Jr. High School diamond on Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. There our team will be host to the Capitol City Post team.

We've got 27 prospects for the 1960 team with two-thirds of the try-outs being new material.

All of these games start at 2:00 p.m. They won't be broadcast so our players will be looking for Blanchard Legionnaires to cheer them.

Radliff Endorsed

At the mid-May meeting a motion by Harold Barkhuff to endorse the candidacy of Edward M. Radliff, Jr. of the Joseph Fagan Post No. 243 for County Commander was unanimously approved by the 28 members attending the Post meeting. Ed Radliff, a Navy vet of WW2 is now serving his third term as County Adjutant. He is a past post commander of the Fagan Post and is currently chairman of the County Legion Junior Baseball Committee.

FISH FEAST FORECAST

To the only Post Commander to have given the Post a year of leadership in 11 months, the officers and members of Blanchard Post presented an outfit of fishing tackle and gear as a token of appreciation for the service he gave to the Post this year.

The recipient, Al Greenwood, was presented with the gift by George Butman who recalled Al's fishless tries at the American Legion Mountain Camp lake. The presentation climaxed the installation program under the direction of Harold Barkhuff who in turning over the gavel of office to incoming Commander Given Hynds, pointed up the highlights of the administration under Al Greenwood, most important of which was the modernization of the Post's Constitution.

Dept. Convention Boosters

To help defray the cost, set at \$19,000 of the Department Convention in Buffalo on Aug. 25-26-27, the Department Convention Committee has issued an appeal for Boosters who will donate \$1 to have their names listed with their Posts in the Convention Program. Anyone in Blanchard Post desiring to be a Booster can do so by giving their name and donation to Art Quinn at the Post bar or to the Post Adjutant.

Maybe We Made It

As this is being written, Membership Chairman Jules Aupperle reports there are only 7 memberships to be signed up for Blanchard Post to meet its quota before the Greenwood Administration leaves office on May 31. Jules says he has a list of 80 unpaid members, many of whom have promised to pay but, as Jules says, "We can't make a promise quota. It must be real." This then is to urge those of you who have been meaning to pay to do so—and anyone who knows of a prospective member, sign him up *at once!*

Boys' Stater Chosen

Blanchard Post's delegate to the 1960 Boys' State Convention this month will be Douglas Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Johnson, 127 Mosher Rd., Delmar. Douglas is a junior at Bethlehem Central High School. He was chosen by the Boys' State Committee headed by Ed Waldron. We shall look forward to a report next fall from Douglas on his experiences at Boys' State.

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