

# Ten Forty Times



DELMAR, NEW YORK

**JUNE 1962** 

#### FRYER NEW COMMANDER

The election of Rodger M. Fryer as the 1962-63 Commander of Blanchard Post took place at the mid-May meeting. Elected with Rodger was the entire slate of nominees presented by the nominating committee of which Given Hynds was Chairman.

Newly elected vice commanders are Richard P. Dalton, William S. Flint and Charles J. O'Hara. Re-elected were Adjutant Wayne M. Davis for a full term (he completed the term of Max Maeder who was transferred), Post Finance Officer William I. Hayes, Sergeant-at-Arms Kenneth Lenseth, Historian Otto de Heus and Judge Advocate George Wenger.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors were Herbert Drew, Bill Johnston and Bud Mosmen.

Delegates for the County Committee are Harold Barkhuff, Rodger Fryer, Al Woehrle, Pat Igoe, Richard and Kenneth Lenseth, Charles O'Hara and Dick Dalton; alternate delegates are George Feiden, Al Davis, Given Hynds, Hugh Stowers, Bill Johnston, Eugene Fitzpatrick, Henry Voorhees and Warren Moessner.

A witness to the election was an unexpected but welcome visitor, County Commander Robert Lansing who commended the Post for its progress and urged our members, through their county delegates, to help in the aims of the County Committee in promoting American Legion programs.

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## Closed For The Summer

The next issue of Ten Forty Times will be issued in late August to launch the 1962-63 Legion year. We are hopeful that our advertisers, through whose generosity our Post publication has served the purpose of keeping all Post members informed of Post activities, will renew their advertising contracts. The Post and Auxiliary members are urged to patronize our advertisers and let them know they saw their ads in the Times. Let's look forward to a safe and happy summer and continue our Legion ideals of service to the community, State and Nation.

#### BUILDING FUND RESULT

A Blanchard Legionnaire, James M. Spencer, 19 Greenock Road, Elsmere, was the recipient last month of \$500 in cash in lieu of the color TV set the Post had as an offering in this year's building fund campaign.

At the Post's first Luau Party on May 19, campaign chairman Charley Wiley deposited the approximately 1,200 tickets for which donations to the Post were made into a huge drum. Esther Cooke was then called upon to withdraw a ticket from the drum and the one which her hand brought out of the drum was that with Jim's name on it. He was not present at the time. Comdr. Woehrle telephoned Jim, who thought someone was fooling him. Art Quinn left the busy bar of the Post long enough to go to the phone and verify the Commander's message and Jim was over at the Post almost before Woehrle completed saying "You won!" With Jim came his wife, Olga, and a party of friends, including several other Post members who were visiting with the Spencers at the time the good news was received.

A round of applause was given to Charley Wiley and his wife for making the fund-raising campaign the success it was.

The Luau also proved to be highly successful and for that credit goes to the Activities Chairman, Vice Commander George Feiden, who with the help of Billy and Tootie Flint and Art Quinn gave the Post Hall and bar a Hawaiian atmosphere for the occasion. The decorations, in part, were donated by King Rabineau. An added unexpected feature was a double musical arrangement with Marv Hirchburg's group playing in the Post Hall and a three-piece musical ensemble playing Hawaiian music downstairs. Besides the decorations and the music, some ladies in their muu-muus and many men in gay sport-shirts and everyone wearing a lei, all added to the color and gaiety of the occasion.

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#### Taps

The deaths of two Blanchard Legionnaires occurred last month. They were William Cowing of Delmar and Edward J. Colwell, Jr. of Slingerlands.

#### COMING EVENTS

MON., JUNE 4—Regular monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments.

MON., JUNE 11—Post Affairs meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SAT., JUNE 16—Celebration and dance to honor Maud Hafley, 10 p.m. 2 a.m.

MON., JUNE 18—Mid - monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.; special feature to be a program for safety in boating, with a guest speaker.

MON., JUNE 25—Board of Directors to meet at 8:00 p.m.

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# Safety Afloat

Aimed at a mark to encourage safety among inland boat operators and their passengers, Blanchard Post is presenting a special program for its members at the mid-monthly meeting on June 18. Through the cooperation of James J. O'Brien, Director, Division of Motor Boats in the N. Y. State Department of Conservation, Post members and guests whom they may invite will have the opportunity of learning what steps the New York State Government has taken toward safeguarding the lives and property of those who seek their enjoyment in motorboating and other aquatic sports.

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#### Girls Stater

Jennifer Flinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Flinton, 23 Albin Road, Delmar, will be our Post Auxiliary's delegate to Empire Girls State at New Paltz State Teachers College during the week of June 24. Jennifer is 16 and is an 11th grader A-student at Bethlehem Central Senior High School. She is Editor-in-Chief of the school's yearbook, ORIOLE, for 1963 and is active in athletics, dramatics and the Glee Club as well as a pianist and violinist.

A report of her participation at Girls State will be made by Jennifer at an early fall meeting of the Auxiliary.

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## WELCOME, BUDDIES

The following new members in Blanchard Post helped to swell its roster to 714 and, except for those who transferred into our Post from another Legion Post, are entitled to participate in the brief but impressive installation ceremony due all new Legionnaires. Such a ceremony has been scheduled for the mid-June meeting. To assure their attendance at this meeting, their sponsor, whose name also follows, are urged to contact these new members and accompany them to the meeting.

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Any other Legionnaires who joined the Post during the past year and were unable to attend earlier installation ceremonies, should come to this meeting to be formally received into the American Legion.

## **Boys State Delegate**

Truly a "chip off the not-so-old block" the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Otis has been designated to represent Blanchard Post at Boys State this year at Colgate University. The meeting is scheduled for the week of June 24th. Our delegate is Fitz-Edward Otis, whose father, Maurice, was a delegate to Boys State prior to World War II, in which he served with the Armed Forces. Maurice is a Blanchard Legionnaire. The Otis family reside in Slingerlands. Fitz-Edward was chosen from among three candidates recommended by the faculty of Bethlehem Central Senior High School. He is completing his junior year. Based on his all-around scholastic record, the choice of Fitz-Edward was made by the Post's Boys' State Committee of which Past Comdr. Herbert G. Drew is chairman. The other committee members are Whitman Daniels and William A. Hazell.

At the mid-October meeting it is expected that Boy-Stater Otis will present his report of the convention to our Post members.

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#### Wanted

Color Guard and Firing Squad Chairman, Dick Lenseth, asks that any Post members who at some time past took part in the Color Guard or the Firing Squad and may have in their possession any of the uniform items which belong at the Post to please return them to him so that the inventory of the uniforms can be completed.

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#### BATTER UP

BY DICK DALTON

The Blanchard Post baseball team will open its season on June 9, playing Scully Post at Bleecker Stadium. The first home game is Sunday, June 17 with Coeymans furnishing the opposition at Bethlehem Central Senior High School.

The league this year is divided into two divisions because there are now 12 teams in the league. The winners of the Southern and Northern divisions will play a three game series to determine the County champ and tourney representative. Dick Smith of Livermore Chevrolet is again sponsoring our Post team. Several new uniforms have been purchased replacing ones that have seen better days.

John Stokoe, Blanchard's most famous baseball graduate is home this summer and has promised to give our young moundsmen a hand. This could make a tremendous difference since John knows the 'score' from his natural ability plus all the great experience he has had in professional ball.

Blanchard Post finished a close second to Colonie last year and has many of last year's players back plus several outstanding Babe Ruth graduates. The management faces the season on a note of optimism. We should win our share of victories, provided we remember to call 'time' in crucial moments.

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Interest in Albany County Legion baseball is at an all time high, and it is hoped that our Board of Directors can find the way clear to continue our participation, despite the great drain placed on the treasury.

A complete schedule of Blanchard's games for the first half is listed below: Saturday, June 9. . Scully at Bleecker, 2:00 PM Sunday, June 10. . . . Voorheesville at

Voorheesville, 2:00 PM Saturday, June 16....Capital City at

Ridgefield Park, 2:00 PM
Sunday, June 17......Coeymans\*, 2:00 PM
Wednesday, June 20...Fort Orange\*, 6:30 PM
Saturday, June 23.....Scully\*, 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 24....Voorheesville\*.6:00 PM
Wednesday, June 27...Capital City\*, 6:30 PM
Saturday, June 30...Coeymans at

Ravena, 6:00 PM Sunday, July 1....Fort Orange at

Lincoln Park, 6:00 PM Wednesday, July 4....Green Island\*, 2:00 PM Saturday, July 7....Beverwyck at

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# MAD ABOUT MAUD

Mrs. Herbert E. Hafley, 12 Dumbarton Drive, Elsmere, will be honored by Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, Unit #1040, American Legion Auxiliary, at a testimonial dinner on Saturday, June 16, at the Post Rooms at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hafley has been a member of Blanchard Unit thirty years, has served twice as Unit president, the first time in 1933-34 and again in 1957-58, as Albany County Chairman 1934-35, Third District Chairman 1935-37, Department Vice President 1937-39 and Department President 1939-40.

In the Unit she has been active on many committees and for the past several years has been the Rehabilitation Chairman. In Rehabilitation, she has stressed service in the Veterans' hospitals by donating cigarettes to an adopted ward at Sunmount Hospital, Tupper Lake; by presenting gifts at Christmas of \$1.00 or canteen books to hospitalized veterans, and cooperating in the Christmas Gift Shop.

She was the Gift Shop chairman at the Albany VA Hospital in 1951 and has served again as the chairman in recent years. This is a shop set up by the Auxiliary units from seven counties in the Third District, and every patient may choose gifts for members of his family. If veterans are unable to come to the Gift Shop, carts are taken to their bedside so that they, too, may make a choice of gifts. All gifts are wrapped by Auxiliary members in beautiful Christmas wrappings, and sent out by parcel post, all free of charge to the patients. In a hospital, such as the Albany VA, which has a 1,000-bed capacity, this is one of the largest programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, and here, as always, Maud has done a tremendous job!

At the present time, Maud is giving many hours at the hospital as a volunteer worker and in March of this year was presented an award for having served 1,000 hours.

She has served, too, as Veterans' Administration Voluntary Service Alternate and this year was appointed V.A.V.S. Representative. In this capacity, she arranges for bingo parties, birthdays, 10th floor dances and distribution of cigarettes, by posts from out of state.

Maud has also been Empire Girls' State Chairman, which is a program designed to give to selected New York State high school girls intensive training in democratic leadership. Girls chosen must be high school juniors and are selected for outstanding work in leadership and sportsmanship. In 1941, Maud's daughter Ruth, was the first girl chosen to represent Blanchard Auxiliary at Empire Girls' State at Russell Sage College.

Maud was the Department Convention Chairman at Troy in 1937 and last July, in Albany, was again Department Convention Chairman and was commended for an outstanding convention, when every detail was carefully thought through, making it a most enjoyable convention.

This year, at Department Convention, to be held at New York City, in August, she will serve as Convention Chairman of Resolutions.

Maud is the mother of four children: three daughters — Mrs. D. W. Kesler (Jane), Mrs. Lee R. Stoner (Ruth), Mrs. Charles Hinds (Lois), and a son, Herbert E. Hafley.

She is a Past Matron, Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; is active in the First Methodist Church of Delmar; and is a full-time employee in the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Executive Department, State of New York.

Blanchard Post has added its cooperation in "Maud Hafley Night" by scheduling a dance from 10 to 2, following the dinner.

Committees have been appointed as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Given Hynds; Co-Chairman, Mrs. Esther Cooke; Chaplain, Mrs. Harold Jorgensen; Flowers, Mrs. Arthur Quinn; Programs, Mrs. Arnold Mosmen and Mrs. Patrick Igoe; History, Mrs. Leroy Cooke; Decorations, Mrs. Robert Hurley and Mrs. Arthur Kemnitzer; Distinguished Guests and Past Presidents, Mrs. Otto de Heus; Reservations and Tickets, Mrs. Mary Conner and Mrs. Donald Wilcox; Charter Members, Mrs. Ralph Butler; Entertainment, Mrs. Randall Vaughn and Mrs. Stanley Klett; Dining Room Arrangements, Mrs. Peter Schaming and Mrs. Richard Dalton; Publicity, Mrs. Harold Barkhuff.

#### CHRIS' CORNER

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 19, at the Post Rooms at 8:00 p.m. Plan to come, since there will be interesting business and we'll be saying adieu til next September.

Nominating Committee will be chosen to select next year's slate of officers. Delegates to Convention will be named to attend the Department Convention in New York City on August 9, 10 and 11.

Report of the Third District Conference held June 2, 1962 at Averill Park, will be read by our President.

Serving refreshments at the June 19th meeting will be Mrs. William McCredie, Mrs. Frank Turner and Mrs. Esther Cooke.

Under the direction of busy, efficient Kay Mosmen, the Poppy sale was a huge success. Kay says thanks to all who helped, and we say thanks to Kay for spearheading the collection of the funds to carry on the Auxiliary's year-round Rehabilitation and Child Welfare work.

New members eligible to be initiated in May were: Eleanor Atwood, Edith Brownell, Marian Coburn, Thryn Dale, Sally Foster, Marilyn Fryer, Marjorie Hardy, Eva Kohinke, Maud Minnick, Lillianne Pember, Marcia Trotta, Ada Turner and Marie Wright. Welcome, and happy to have you with us.

June 14 is Flag Day. Fly your flag—and please report it to the Americanism Chairman, Kay Lenseth.

On May 19, Kay Lenseth, representing the Auxiliary, presented a 50-star flag to the St. Thomas Girl Scout Troop #316 at the church.

Saturday, May 19, found Chris and husband at the Statler Inn on the Cornell University campus at Ithaca attending National President Melisse McKay's dinner.

Mary Conner is recovering nicely after an operation on May 8th at the Child's Hospital.

Hope to see you all in the fall on Tuesday, September 18, when we'll hear Convention reports. At this meeting the Nominating Committee will report, and election and installation will follow.

And—a word of tribute to our President, Chris Barkhuff. A vote of thanks for your outstanding leadership over the past year...for your tireless efforts and devotion to the Auxiliary.

Have a gay summer, everyone.

Adios, Fran Hynds

## MOUNTAINEERS RISE

With thirty-two paid-up members in the American Legion Mountaineers from Blanchard Post, there is a rise of eight over last year, it was reported by County Chairman Bill Rutledge. The success of this year's drive in our Post is due to the efforts of Past Commander Bud Mosmen. The dollar dues for membership in the Mountaineers helps toward the maintenance of the American Legion Mountain Camp at Tupper Lake, N. Y. to which ailing Legionnaires may go for convalescence. There is also close by a resort area to which American Legion members and their guests may enjoy brief vacation periods of from a day to a week For reservations, applications should be sent to the Camp Director. At our last Post meeting, Bud reported that a group of eight Blanchard members with their families make an annual week-end to the camp. This year Scully Post of Albany is sponsoring a bus ride to the resort.

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# Albany County Boys Staters To Meet At Blanchard Post

The seven delegates to Boys State from Albany County will meet at Blanchard Post on Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. Our Past Commander, Bill Johnston, who is County Chairman for Boys State, reports the meeting is for a briefing of the young lads so that they will know what activities to expect at the meeting to take place the following week at Colgate University. A former Boys Stater will attend the County meeting to describe his experiences for the benefit of this year's delegates.

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# Memorial Day Assists

For their participation in the Memorial Day program, under the auspices of Blanchard Post, all members of our Post are thankful to Rabbi Alvin S. Roth of Temple Beth Emeth in Albany and to George M. Cole, Jr. Rabbi Roth's prayer and George's recitation of the immortal "In Flanders Fields" were added features. George, it should be recalled, represented Blanchard Post in this year's County Legion Oratorical Contest.

#### BARKHUFF INSTALLS

An audience of nearly sixty, including Blanchard members and their guests, witnessed Harold Barkhuff, Past Commander of Blanchard Post and Albany County, officiate as the installing officer for the new Commander, Rodger Fryer, and the Vice Commanders who will serve with him. In his installing remarks, Harold pointed out to Rodger that as the membership chairman Rodger had brought Blanchard Post to an all-time high of 715 members and charged the new Commander with the task of at least meeting, if not passing, that goal. In his inaugural remarks, Commander Fryer called upon all Blanchard Legionnaires to serve the cause of the American Legion by promptly renewing their own memberships and encouraging eligible veterans to join the ranks of the Legion when the Legion year begins October 1.

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# 2 Vie For County Commander

The Albany County Legion Convention has been set for Sunday afternoon, July 8, at 2:00 p.m., at the Ambrose J. Scully Post on Central Avenue, Albany.

The convention promises to be an interesting one because this is the first time in recent years, if ever, that two candidates are seeking the office of County Commander. Both candidates have been outstanding active Legionnaires. Bill Gannon, a World War I vet, is being backed by a strong group of Legionnaires and an equally strong group are behind Steve Maney, a World War II vet.

Blanchard has eight delegates to the convention. At the mid-monthy June meeting it may be determined which of these candidates will receive Blanchard's support.

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# Krugman Recruiting

Blanchard Legionnaire Erich Krugman of the Delmar Pharmacy is an active Naval Reserve officer and has been assigned the chore of organizing a Navy Hospital Corps Division in Albany, He is seeking qualified men to 40 years of age, to fill posts for fifty rated enlisted men and twenty non-rated enlisted men. Anyone interested in this activity, for which there are pay-drills, should contact Erich at his store.

#### GIFT OF GAB

For his work and efforts this past year as the Post Commander, a Webco Tape Recorder was presented to Al Woehrle as he passed the mantle of the commandership over to Rodger Fryer.

When Herb Drew, on behalf of the Post, presented the machine to Woehrle, the retiring Commander paid tribute to all who helped in making this year the success it was. He expressly pointed out Otto de Heus who suggested the highway safety program and then Al called upon Finance Officer Bill Hayes to read the following financial report:

Receipts \$44,478.27 including \$630.00 profit from the color TV drawing.

Expenses \$42,197.56 including a new piano and new cash register for the bar.

Said Woehrle, "There are a few achievements of the Post this past year for which I may have been responsible, but most of the advancements were the results of many of you, our members—and to all of you I am indeed grateful."

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# Dept. Convention in N.Y.C.

The 44th Annual Department Convention of the American Legion of the Department of New York will take place August 8-11 in New York City. Present indications are that the next Department Commander will be an Albany County Legionnaire, F. Herrick Conners of Cohoes, N. Y.

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# Newspaper Recognition

Last month the Albany County American Legion paid tribute to the two daily newspapers in the City of Albany. The recognition came from the service these metropolitan newspapers gave the American Legion during last year's Department Convention and for the splendid treatment given news in regard to the American Legion.

In keeping with the spirit of recognizing the press, Past Commander Al Woehrle expresses the sentiments of all Blanchard Post members in giving a salute to Robert G. King, Publisher of The Spotlight, for the equally wonderful treatment given to the news from Blanchard Post during the past year.

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