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IRENE'S CORNER

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 18 at 8:00 p.m. President Irene presiding at the business meeting.

An initiation ceremony for new members was conducted by Membership Chairman Betty Costigan. Names of our new members are:

Jane Fearnside, Mary O'Hara, Lucille Siy, Zenith Campbell, Ann Williams, Cosse Drury, Ellen O'Connell, Josephine Bruso, Corinne McLaughlin, and Violet Simpson.

Plans for our "girls" participation in the Memorial Day Parade were made.

Refreshments were in charge of "Peg" Lilly and her committee.

"Fran" Hynds reported on our annual Poppy Day, Wednesday, May 12, and expressed her appreciation and thanks to all those who had volunteered to help in this drive. Poppy Day dawned bright and beautiful and with so many willing workers, "Fran" feels sure it was a financial success. It is hard work, but isn't it worth the effort?

Shirley Kirk, Helen Deitz, "Fran" Hynds, and Norrine Cooke are working on hats for the Poppy Hat Contest. It will be fun to see the girls' original creations. Who knows, maybe we have a Hedda Hopper in our midst!

Meeting was closed with a most impressive memorial service by our Chaplain Helen Quinn.

Our Americanism Chairman, Anne de Heus, presented an American Flag to Girl Scout Troop No. 492, Delmar, at the home of Mrs. Robert O'Malley on Tuesday, April 27. President Irene and Girl Scout Leader Norrine Cooke also attended.

Anne presented another American Flag to a newly organized Girl Scout Troop at St. Thomas Church on Monday, May 17. President Irene also attended.

Henrietta Ballo and Ann Carroll served us delicious refreshments at our April meeting.

"Toni" Spinosa, our Pan American study chairman, gave a very interesting and informative talk on Costa Rica at the April meeting. "Toni" made a map of Costa Rica, on which she displayed the products of the country and she also collected a sizeable number of pennies to be donated to the Department project "Tools for Training" in Costa Rica.

Also in April, our Unit sponsored a 10th floor dance at the V.A. Hospital. Our Rehabilitation Chairman Maud was very pleased with the delicious sandwiches which the "girls" had donated. The patients attending the dance, liked them so much that Maud and Esther (who also worked) got just a taste—just one half a sandwich apiece! Maud wishes to thank all who contributed to this party.

On Saturday, May 22, the Third District Conference will be held in Liberty, New York (Sullivan County). Attending from our Unit will be our President Irene and Membership Chairman Betty Costigan. Maud, a Past Department President, will attend as a guest. It will be a long day—they have to be on the bus

at 6:30 a.m.! That early hour sure discouraged me from going too!

Now looking ahead, we will have a Pot Luck Supper at our June meeting, Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. Bring along your favorite dish, you'd like to share and also your own place setting. Following the business meeting, Mrs. Cavanaugh of the New York Telephone Co. will show colored slides of the New York World's Fair.

I'll be seeing you, I hope.

Chris

BOYS' STATE DELEGATE

Blanchard Post's representative this year to Boys' State is Richard Gibbs of Mosher Road, Delmar. Dick is a junior at Bethlehem Central Senior High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gibbs. His father is Registrar at the Veterans Administration Hospital. About the same time he learned he was selected as our Boys' Stater, Dick also heard he had won a scholarship to Syracuse University. Boys' State this year takes place at Colgate University commencing on June 27. We look forward to a report from Delegate Gibbs at our October mid-monthly meeting.

Boys' State Committee this year is Chairman Bill Hazell with Past Commander Herb Drew and Whitman Daniels as committee members.

Girls' State representative, sponsored by Blanchard Post Auxiliary, this year is Sally Morse of Wilshire Drive, Elsmere. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Morse. Her father is an official with the New York State Education Department.

V-A Closings Open

Albany County Commander Charles Finning reminds everyone that their support is still urged in a letter writing campaign to President Johnson to keep from closing the Albany office of the Veterans Administration and other VA installations scheduled to be shut down by July 1.



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Action to install an air-conditioning unit in the lower level of the Post quarters was approved at the mid-May Post meeting. There was some discussion on extending the cooling system to the upper floor but a discussion of the costs involved indicated that this would have to be done at a later date. Meanwhile, Past Commander Dick Lenseth, acting for the Board of Directors and the Post membership, was given the go-ahead to arrange for the contracting of this work. It is expected the work will get underway this month and hopefully Post members and their guests will enjoy this newest comfort at the Post before the middle of summer.

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S-Y-P Goes Big

More than \$1,300.00 was raised in the fund-raising campaign completed May 15, when the portable TV on which the campaign was focused, went to Mrs. Kenneth Pangborn of Delmar.

To all those who responded to the "Support Your Post" program conducted by Ed Costigan in his capacity as Vice Commander for Special Events, a big "Thank You" is extended. His work in that effort is significant to what we can expect this coming year from Ed who has been elected to our Commander.

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BOWLING NEWS

Barney Greene, who injured his right knee on the night of the High-Low games and subsequently required hospitalization and an operation, was elected President of the Post's Bowling League at the annual banquet on May 19. He was Vice President and succeeds Ken Stinson. Charley Wiley was re-elected Secretary, and Garry Geurtze, Treasurer.

The season ended with this order: Marines, Infantry, Engineers, Tanks, Army, Coast Guard, Artillery and Navy. The High-Low in order were Dick Cole and Bill Tougher; Ken Stinson and Al Woehrl; Bob Strickland and Bill Volk. Individual high triples: Cole, Stinson, and Strickland. High singles: Cole, Strickland, and Tougher.

Dick O'Conner won High-Low single and triple. Milt Andre, who was captain of the league-leading Marines, won high average for the season; Skip Larkin high triple; and Barney McCarthy, high single. Class "B" winners are Admiral Wickert, Garry Geurtze, and Jules Aupperle.

Happy summer!

Of the three teams from Blanchard Post entered in the New York Department Bowling Tournament in Albany recently, Blanchard Post Majors were in second place (scratch) on the day the tournament ended. The bowlers and their scores were: George Ten Eyck, 597; Paul Sherman, 593; Warren Boutelle, 551; Dick Dalton, 538; and Tip Nelson, 523, for a total of 2,802. We are still awaiting the final results from the tournament officials.



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LEGION BASEBALL

BY DICK DALTON, CHAIRMAN

Blanchard Post will defend its Albany County, Third District and Region Two championship starting June 12, with a game under the lights at Bleecker Stadium against Scully Post.

Blanchard has lost several star performers from its championship club, namely Don Boone, Dick Broom, and Jock Walsh. We have a strong nucleus from last year, including Jim Shea, Chip Walsh, Vince Martino, Scott Sargent, Bill Balfoort, Jim Leonardo, Rick Dunn, Joe Marotta, Gary Toomer, Jim Gallagher, and Frank Crowley. Also, there are a number of promising graduates of Babe Ruth ball and also several transfers to Bethlehem who look promising.

Our Northern Division team will be making their debut under the leadership of Barney Greene (the collapsible kegler). Many of Barney's players will come from Bethlehem Jayvee ranks. This team has won six straight at this writing and has many promising players. Barney's team will give a good account of themselves for 1965.

It is hoped that many Post members will attend the early season games this year, and not wait until the championship is won.

Our Southern Division team will be wearing new uniforms purchased by Brian Gallagher of Gallagher's Ski and Sport Shop, Delaware Avenue, Elsmere. Don't forget our sponsor when in need of sports equipment.

With Blanchard's two teams this year there will be lots of baseball for Delmar. We'll have a team in the Southern Division. That'll be our old team. Our new team is in the Northern Division. Here are the schedules and note especially that we play ourselves here in Delmar on Saturday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m.

1965 SCHEDULE

BLANCHARD POST (SOUTHERN DIVISION)

Sat. June 12, 7:30.....Scully at Bleecker
Sun. June 13, 2:00

Voorheesville at Voorheesville
Thur. June 17, 6:30: Ft. Orange at State College
Sat. June 19, 2:00: Capital City at State College
Sun. June 20, 2:00.....Coeymans at Delmar
Wed. June 23, 6:30....Capital City at Delmar
Sat. June 26, 2:00...Blanchard (N) at Delmar
Sun. June 27, 6:00....Voorheesville at Delmar
Wed. June 30, 6:30.....Ft. Orange at Delmar
Thur. July 1, 6:30.....Scully at Delmar
Sat. July 3, 6:00.....Colonie at Delmar
Sun. July 4, 2:00....Menands at Mullon Park
Wed. July 7, 6:30.....Cohoes at Cohoes
Sat. July 10, 2:00.....Beverwyck at Delmar
Sun. July 11, 2:00: No. Albany at Mullon Park
Wed. July 14, 6:30.....Cohoes at Delmar
Sat. July 17, 6:00.....No. Albany at Delmar
Sun. July 18, 2:00: Green Island at Green Island

BLANCHARD POST (NORTHERN DIVISION)

Sun. June 13, 2:00...Menands at Mullon Park
Sun. June 13, 4:30: No. Albany at Mullon Park
Sun. June 20, 2:00: Beverwyck at Mullon Park
Mon. June 21, 6:30

Green Island at Green Island
Wed. June 23, 6:30.....Colonie at Shaker
Sat. June 26, 2:00...Blanchard (S) at Delmar
Sun. June 27, 2:00....Capital City at Delmar
Wed. June 30, 6:30.....Cohoes at Cohoes
Thur. July 1, 6:30....Menands at Mullon Park
Sun. July 4, 2:00.....No. Albany at Delmar
Mon. July 5, 2:00....Green Island at Delmar
Wed. July 7, 6:30.....Ft. Orange at Delmar
Sat. July 10, 5:30.....Scully at Bleecker
Sun. July 11, 2:00..Ft. Orange at State College
Wed. July 14, 6:30.....Coeymans at Ravena
Sun. July 18, 2:00.....Coeymans at Delmar
Mon. July 19, 6:30.....Beverwyck at Delmar
Wed. July 21, 6:30.....Cohoes at Delmar
(all games are either afternoon or evening)

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ADVISORY GROUP FOR NEW COMMANDER

As one of his last official acts in office, Past Commander Charles O'Hara named an Advisory Committee, consisting of himself as chairman, with Past Commanders George Butman, Rodger Fryer and Al Woehrle, to review current Post programs and activities and make recommendations to the new commander. Charlie felt that, as a result of the experiences of his term in office, there was a very definite need to establish such a standing committee to assist successive commanders, and to provide a greater degree of continuity and direction to continuing programs. In addition, he believes that some basic Legion programs are not being promoted while others need strengthening.

Commander Ed Costigan has expressed complete agreement that such a review is needed and welcomed the opportunity to inaugurate his term by continuing the committee.

The first project to come up for preview is the suggestion made by Al Woehrle that some thought and action be given to providing recognition by Blanchard Legionnaires for the men and women of the armed forces serving in Viet Nam and other areas where combat occurs.

We hope to have more to report on this in our next issue of the 1040 TIMES (in September). *Note:* The Committee is not an inner sanctum. It welcomes suggestions from the membership.

GRATIFYING

During the past year George Reeber served as Membership Chairman and Flag Chairman for the Post. In both jobs he did outstanding work. For his membership work he received a special citation from both National and New York Department, American Legion Headquarters. But the most gratifying return he received from his efforts, he will tell you, is this letter:

Dear Mr. Reeber:

Thank you for the new Flag.

Thank you for the movie I saw.

We like the new Flag very, very much.

We all like the movie, too.

We all liked the Flag and the movie and we like you.

from
Brownie Mary Jane O'Malley
Troop 567.

The Flag to which Mary Jane refers is one of those which the Post contributes to the new Brownie and Scout Troops and the movie is about the American Flag which the Post sponsors for showing at any community group which requests it.

Taps

We mourn the passing last month of Blanchard Legionnaire William Spaulding, a World War I veteran.

SYMBOL OF POPPIES

BY MRS. H. C. BARKHUFF

Disabled war veterans working in hospitals and convalescent workrooms in many parts of the country made the millions of memorial poppies which were worn in honor of the war dead last month according to Mrs. Given S. Hynds, our Poppy Chairman of Blanchard Unit No. 1040, of the American Legion Auxiliary in Delmar.

More than 6,000 veterans of three wars have been given employment by the Auxiliary in its poppy-making work this year. The number of the little red flowers made is expected to exceed 20,000,000. Earnings of the veterans making poppies who are the only paid workers in the poppy program, were about at \$300,000.

The poppies are shaped from crepe paper with wire stems, and resemble closely the European wild poppy which bloomed in the battle fields and cemeteries of the first World War in France and Belgium.

"Our Auxiliary Unit had a corps of volunteer workers distributing these memorial flowers on the streets and shopping centers all day on Poppy Day — May 12. These workers carried coin boxes to receive contributions for the Auxiliary's work with the disabled vet-

erans and needy children of veterans. We are grateful to everyone who wore a poppy to honor the war dead and contributed to help these living victims of war," Mrs. Hynds said.

Mrs. Hynds organized her corps of volunteer Poppy Day workers among whom were wives of World War II veterans able to give from an hour or two to all day to the work. Some were older women from World War I families who have been Poppy Day volunteers for many years.

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New Book By Rienow

Blanchard Legionnaire Robert Rienow and his wife Leona, had their latest literary work published last month. Titled "Snuff, Sin and the Senate", the book is published by the Follett Publishing Company at \$6.95. The reviews of it were very favorable. The book is a historical review of the characters and conditions of the United States Senate from times before Senators were chosen by popular elections through the current legislative session and projecting into the future.

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