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Commander Hugh Stowers and the Cummings family going over final preparations for Memorial Day Parade. Gail, Neil and Joe were in the Air Force. The Cummings family were the Grand Marshals; Ed Korp was Chairman; and Ollie Palmer was the Co-Chairman of the event.

AUCTION

On June 20, Blanchard Post will hold an auction to sell furniture and contents from the old building. In addition, we will auction any worthwhile items donated by members and friends. If you would like to donate any items to the Post to be auctioned, please have them at the Post by 9:00 a.m. on June 20.

If you want us to pick items up, call us before June 12, for pick up Saturday, June 13. Please make sure all items are in good condition. Carl G. Brust, the auctioneer, will officiate. The telephone numbers to call are: Post, 439-9819; Lou Picarazzi, Chairman, 767-9916; and Tip Nelson, 439-1069.

Boys State

Phil Lee, Chairman of Boys State, reports that Richard Laffin has been chosen a delegate to represent Blanchard Post at Boys State. Good luck Dick. We are all certain you will do a terrific job.

Note of Thanks

With my term of serving as the Commander of Blanchard Post coming to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers, membership and Auxiliary for working and cooperating with me throughout these past months. It was most interesting, rewarding and, hopefully, successful. Congratulations and best wishes to the succeeding Commander Hank Kindberg and his officers and I know he will have the support and cooperation needed for another successful year.

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Color Guard

On June 14 (Flag Day) Blanchard Post's Color Guard has been invited to parade with the Elks of Bethlehem. Good luck men, and show them how great we are. The way Don Smith (the man in charge) has been drilling our Color Guard, we're all sure it will be *real* good.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, June 1—Post Affairs Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.; Regular Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 6—Twenty Week Club Dinner

SUNDAY, June 14—Flag Day (fly the American Flag)

MONDAY, June 15—Mid-monthly Post meeting at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 16—Blanchard Post Auxiliary meets at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, June 29—Board of Directors meets at 8:00 p.m.

Date to be announced—County Legion Annual Convention and Election of Officers at Scully Post in Albany.

SATURDAY, July 4—Independence Day (fly the American Flag)

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LAW AND ORDER NIGHT

Merwyn K. Atwood, Chairman of the Law and Order Committee, reports that about 200 members and their guests attended "Law and Order Night" at our Post on Monday, April 20.

Amid praise from his police chief and town supervisor, Bethlehem Patrolman Leo "Pat" Dorsey received a certificate and a surprise for OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY THROUGH CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES AS A POLICE OFFICER IN A MANNER WHICH REFLECTS CREDIT UPON ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FOR DEDICATION TO HIS PROFESSION ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

Bethlehem Chief of Police, Peter Fish, made the presentation and the surprise came for Patrolman Dorsey when the chief promoted him to sergeant.

Town Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke praised Sergeant Dorsey and the entire department and told the audience that their Bethlehem Police Department is doing a job exactly as "you want it done." Chief Fish spoke briefly on the current local problems and presented a film on Riots and Revolts.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

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*** AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**
By MARCIA ROSENFELD

President	Mrs. Herbert E. Hafley
First Vice Pres.	Mrs. Robert Rosenfield
Second Vice Pres.	Mrs. William Campbell
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Robert Smith
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Donald Smith
Treasurer	Mrs. Edwin Tyman

The Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of Helen Reynolds and composed of Helen Quinn, Mabel McCredie, Lee Hurley, Ann deHeus, Joan Stowers and Margaret McGuirk selected the following slate of officers for the years 1970-1971:

President	Marcia Rosenfield
First Vice Pres.	Barbara Palmer
Second Vice Pres.	Ann Carroll
Recording Secretary	Lenore Smith
Corresponding Sec'y	May Smith
Treasurer	Fran Tyman

Also recommended by the Nominating Committee for serving on the Executive Committee are: for three years — Zen Campbell, Ruth Burns, Mabel McCredie; for two years — Gloria Broom, Joan Stowers, Irene White; for one year — Esther Cooke, Janet Setzer, Ada Turner.

Membership Chairman Zen Campbell and Marcia Rosenfield attended the Third District Spring Conference at Boreali's Restaurant in Schoharie County. The guest speaker was Mr. Roderick O'Connor, Director of Volunteers at the V. A. Hospital in Albany.

President Maud Hafley traveled downstate to attend a dinner honoring the National President, Mrs. H. Milton Davidson. A few days after she attended the V.A.V.S. dinner honoring members from all service organizations who are volunteer workers at the V.A. Hospital. On June 5 and 6 she will be present at the Executive Council Meeting held at Tupper Lake.

Empire Girls State Chairman, Gerry Klett reports our Girl Stater has been chosen, Miss Janet Primomo. She is a student at B.C.H.S. and active in both community and school activities. A tea

AUXILIARY NEWS continued

will be held Sunday, June 7 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Voorheesville Post to introduce the Girl Staters from all the Albany County Units. All are welcome.

Our regular monthly meeting June 16 will begin with a covered dish supper. As usual, please bring your own place setting and tableware. Rolls, coffee and dessert will be provided. Of course, between the rolls and the coffee will be the greatest array of casseroles, salads, etc.

During the meeting new members will be initiated by Past President Fran Hynds. Joining us this year are Virginia Bruce, Rose Foy, Noreen Giaccone, Margaret Korp, Eleanor Maio, Margaret Mero, Maureen Straney, Betty Treiling, Bertha Countryman, Ingeborg Eyre and Marie Smith. We welcome the new members and invite them to join us all meeting nights during the next year.

Yvonne Rudolph has been hospitalized. Catherine Bender and Eleanor Atwood both have walking trouble due to a leg injury and infection. We wish Yvonne, Catherine and Eleanor a speedy recovery and the most comfortable recliner to relax in and to soak up the sunshine in.

President Maud wishes to extend a special thank you to all the members who gave their support to the Auxiliary in the many various and thoughtful ways during the past year. It was a most successful year.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer.

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The traditional Past Commander's Dinner was held for the first time in Blanchard's beautiful new Post Rooms on Saturday, April 25. The choice of the Past Commanders as to the Blanchard Legionnaire who merited the diamond-studded pin was a man who had put many, many hours of hard work into the building of our new Post, Gus Williams. The pin was presented to Gus by Past Commander Sid Kaplan.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was in the very capable hands of Dick Dalton and everything went splendidly until he was about to present the guest speaker, Richard Connors. Somewhere a fuse blew and the microphone went dead but Dick was able to cope with the situation and delivered the speech he had prepared undismayed.

Harold Barkhuff gave the roll call of Past Commanders and the floral presentations were made by George Butman, being assisted by Joe Von Ronne. George presented the first corsage to Joan Stowers, our Commander Hugh's wife, and the second to Ann Williams, truly last year's Legion "widow." Having been called upon by George to prove he was not "over the hill," Joe then presented the final corsage to Maud Hafley, the Auxiliary President.

Guests of the Past Commanders included Anne deHeus, Harriet McGuirk and Mary Wasserbach. Sitting with these fine ladies were Gen Oakely and Ethel Scheiberling, wife of the late County and State Commander of the American Legion. It was a pleasure to have them present for the evening.

An excellent dinner of prime ribs was prepared and served by Bob Gentner and his many helpers. The men, as usual, did a terrific job for which we give them a vote of thanks.

Closing the dinner program the benediction was given by Past Commander William Johnston, Jr., who served as Acting Chaplain.

Music for dancing was provided by Francis Murphy's band with songs by Jerry Romano, which put the finishing touch to another enjoyable evening for everyone.

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That Joe Cummings, his wife Gail, and their son Neil, were all in the service; and are members of Blanchard Post as well. Also that they were our Grand Marshals for the Memorial Day Parade? Congratulations to the three of you and Blanchard Post is honored to have you. And again, thanks for making our Memorial Day Parade the success it was.

Hats off to Ed Korp, Chairman of the parade. It was the best and biggest one we had yet. George Reeber deserves a big hand (our Flag Chairman) for getting all the Flags that were distributed to all at the parade. George also sold so many Flag kits that he ran out for the first time ever.

Did you hear about Cannon Ball Bill Mitchell? He not only did well bowling, but also won the shuffleboard tournament. And we hear he did a great job at the banquet table, too. (Got to keep your strength up, Bill.)

Not only does Phil Giaccone do a great job at the Post on many occasions, but did you know his beautiful wife Noreen donated all those nice candles you see at all the tables? We sure are lucky to have such good members!

Bob Gentner sure came through when he was summoned to help on the installation buffet and dance Saturday, May 23. It certainly helped us out of a jam — thanks again, Bob.

And Maud Hafley, Auxiliary President, deserves a big hand for helping to get all her gals to serve and prepare all the delicious salads for the Installation Party. Thanks to all.

Hugh Stowers, our out-going Commander, was very happy about the party. He claimed it was the largest and best ever. (Hugh, you were deserving of it, and also your wife, Joan.) Oh yes, happy 17th wedding anniversary. We wish you both many, many more.

Good luck to Hank Kindberg as our new Commander. Also to all of his new officers. There will be more on our new Commander in our September issue. See you all then, and have a good summer.

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NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1970

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 Historian Bill Davidson
 Chaplain Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss
 Service Officer Al Greenwood

Board of Directors: Dick Dalton, Gus Williams and Phil Lee.

County Delegates: Bill Campbell, Al Woehrle, Harold Barkhuff, Sid Kaplan, Donald Smith, Robert Smith, Jack Brady and Hugh Stowers.

Alternate County Delegates: Al Hofaker, Ray LaMay, Walt Smith, Ed Gollman, Murray Maskin, Bill McKeough, Warren Mosmen and Len Sellner.

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Membership

At this writing, Membership Bob Smith reported 759 paid-up members. Our quota is 776 so we are so close with only 17 more to go! Give a helping hand if you know of an unpaid member or perhaps sign up a new member.

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BLANCHARD POST BASEBALL

The 1970 Blanchard Post baseball team will have tryout and practice sessions on Saturday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. and on Sunday, June 7 at 1:30 p.m. Both of these sessions will be held at the new Bethlehem Senior High diamond at 700 Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Manager Warren Boutelle has announced the appointment of Jim Greenidge as coach. Jim is a sportswriter with the Knickerbocker News and is a former Boston University athlete. Jim knows many of the local high school boys through his job and should be a big help to Warren.

Any boy who was born on or after August 1, 1951, is eligible for Legion baseball. There is a good nucleus of talent back from last year but there is always room for boys who want to play ball and who have ability. Following is the Blanchard Post schedule:

Saturday, June 13—6:00 p.m.

No. Albany at Delmar Sr. Hi

Sunday, June 14—6:00 p.m.

Zaloga at Mullon Park

Wednesday, June 17—6:30 p.m.

Ft. Orange at Delmar Sr. Hi

Saturday, June 20—6:00 p.m.

Voorheesville at Voorheesville

Sunday, June 21—2:00 p.m.

Scully at Delmar Jr. Hi

Wednesday, June 24—6:30 p.m.

Coeymans at Delmar Sr. Hi

Saturday, June 27—7:30 p.m.

Menands at Bleecker

Sunday, June 28—2:00 p.m.

No. Albany at Mullon Park

Wednesday, July 1—6:30 p.m.

Zaloga at Delmar Sr. Hi

Saturday, July 4—6:00 p.m.

Ft. Orange at Ridgefield

Sunday, July 5—2:00 p.m.

Voorheesville at Delmar Sr. Hi

Wednesday, July 8—6:30 p.m.

Scully at Mullon Park

Saturday, July 11—2:00 p.m.

Coeymans at Ravena

Sunday, July 12—2:00 p.m.

Menands at Delmar Sr. Hi

Wednesday, July 15—6:30 p.m.

No. Albany at Delmar Sr. Hi

Saturday, July 18—2:00 p.m.

Zaloga at Bleecker

Sunday, July 19—5:00 p.m.

Ft. Orange at Delmar Sr. Hi

Saturday, July 25—7:30 p.m.

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2 Andre, M.	14084	81	173
3 Stannard, H.	3624	21	172
4 Tangora, A.	14877	87	171
5 Smith, R.	13301	78	170
6 Johnston, W.	13636	80	170
7 Bender, R.	15300	90	170
8 Larkin, S.	14168	85	166
9 Lantz, G.	14991	90	166
10 Lenseth, R.	12488	75	166
11 Aupperle, J.	13894	84	165
12 Kindberg, H.	6943	42	165
13 Berry, W.	14321	87	164
14 Klett, S.	12350	75	164
15 Pugliese, A.	13879	87	159
16 Beckmann, A.	11696	75	155
17 Hanrahan, E.	12042	78	154
18 Stahlhut, E.	11991	78	153
19 Smith, D.	13324	87	153

CLASS B

	Pins	Games	Avg.
20 Brady, J.	12804	84	152
21 Mosmen, B.	9989	66	151
22 Wickert, A.	5858	39	150
23 Mitchell, W.	12598	84	149
24 Cole, R.	12051	81	148
25 Eagan, V.	10976	74	148
26 Switzer, G.	12444	84	148
27 Volk, W.	12418	84	147
28 Buker, F.	10548	72	146
29 Haker, J.	11855	81	146
30 Butman, G.	12068	84	143
31 Bollman, E.	9020	63	143
32 Wiley, C.	12267	87	141
33 McCabe, L.	10943	78	140
34 Bowra, W.	6591	48	137
35 Campbell, W.	10767	81	132
36 Burns, K.	11650	90	129
37 Monette, L.	11011	87	126
38 Fanning, J.	7802	66	118

SEASON'S WINNERS

Individual Leaders—Class A

High Average	Ed Loftus: 180
High Triple	Angelo Tangora: 655
High Single	Milt Andre: 250

Individual Leaders—Class B

High Average	John Brady: 152
High Triple	Bill Mitchell: 531
High Single	Bud Mosmen: 236

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

	Points	W	L	%
1 Navy	67	51	39	.567
2 Tanks	66½	49½	40½	.551
3 Artillery	65	49	41	.554
4 Marines	63½	46½	45½	.505
5 Coast Guard	57½	42½	47½	.472
6 Infantry	54½	39½	51½	.433
7 Army	53	40	50	.444
8 Engineers	52	42	48	.467

TEAMS

Infantry—M. Andre, Capt., K. Burns,
E. Stahlhut, V. Williams, H. Stannard
C. Guards—R. Smith, Capt., J. Fanning,
H. Kindberg, E. Hanrahan, L. Monette
Engineers—S. Larkin, Capt., C. Wiley,
W. Volk, W. Berry
Marines—E. Loftus, Capt., B. Mosmen,
E. Bollman, L. McCabe, R. Cole
Navy—G. Lantz, Capt., W. Campbell,
G. Switzer, D. Smith, R. Lenseth
Army—W. Johnston, Capt., G. Butman,
J. Haker, R. Bender
Tanks—A. Tangora, Capt., W. Bowra,
F. Buker, A. Pugliese, J. Aupperle
Artillery—S. Klett, Capt., A. Beckmann,
J. Brady, A. Wickert, V. Eagan

HIGH-LOW RESULTS

Teams	Total
1 J. Aupperle—F. Buker	1040
2 W. Berry—G. Switzer	1023
3 E. Hanrahan—A. Wickert	1006
4 A. Tangora—W. Campbell	1006
5 M. Andre—L. Monette	975
6 R. Smith—R. Bowra	962
7 F. Stahlhut—B. Mosmen	952
8 S. Larkin—E. Bollman	944
9 R. Lenseth—J. Haker	941
10 H. Stannard—K. Burns	938
11 D. Smith—J. Brady	923
12 A. Beckman—W. Mitchell	916
13 R. Bender—C. Wiley	911
14 G. Lantz—G. Butman	911
15 H. Kindberg—W. Volk	901
16 S. Klett—V. Eagan	901
17 W. Johnston—J. McCabe	875
18 E. Loftus—J. Fanning	869
19 A. Pugliese—D. Cole	857

Individual High Triple

Jules Aupperle	596
Bob Smith	562
Walter Berry	545

Individual High Single

Ed Loftus	214
Bob Smith	205
Julius Aupperle	201

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PENSION LEGISLATION: The American Legion Legislative staff has been assured by the Committees in both Houses of the Congress concerned with pension that legislation will be considered this year in time to provide relief for VA pensioners who otherwise might suffer reduction in their pensions next January because of the 15 percent increase in Social Security benefits already approved. One reason for waiting until later this year to perfect a pension bill is that further amendments to the Social Security law are presently under study which could result in an additional increase this year in SS benefits ranging up to 5 percent for many veterans and widows. When these problems are resolved the Congress will proceed to deal with the pension question.

NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE: The Veterans Administration urged some 667,000 veterans to take a close look at their term life insurance policies when they become due for renewal this year. Administrator Johnson said veterans with five-year level premium term policies should check their insurance needs to determine whether to convert to a permanent plan policy. He added that an additional 932,000 five-year level premium term policies will reach their renewal dates next year. He said five-year term insurance serves well the purpose for which it was intended—to provide adequate, low-cost life insurance for a specified period of time. He pointed out, however, that since term insurance premiums are based on age, they go up every five years and become very costly in later years. "For example" the VA Administrator explained, "the premium for a \$10,000 term life insurance policy for a 20-year-old serviceman or veteran would be \$6.50 a month. At age 60 the same premium would rise to \$26.00 a month, and at age 70, the cost would be \$61.80 a month." On the other hand, the veteran who converts his term insurance to a permanent plan enjoys the advantage of paying a fixed premium on a policy which has a cash and loan value, and paid up and extended insurance values. Term insurance has no cash or loan value, and the longer a veteran delays in converting to a permanent plan, the higher the premiums will be.

The VA Chief stressed that each veteran must make his own decision as to which insurance plan best fits his needs during specific periods in his life. It is well to bear in mind that most veterans must adjust to reduced income during the later stages of life, while premiums for term insurance continue to rise.

DISABILITY COMPENSATION: S 3341 was introduced early in the year by Senators Talmadge (Ga.), Cranston (Cal.) and Yarborough (Tex.). This bill would increase the monthly payment to the totally disabled from \$400 to \$450 effective in July. Ratings ranging from 10 to 90 percent would be raised about 11 percent. The proposed legislation would also increase the family dependency allowance payable to veterans rated 50 percent or more disabled, and, under limited circumstances, would presume disabilities of former POW's to be service-connected unless VA can show otherwise by clear and convincing evidence. In documenting the bill, the portion pertaining to increased family allowance was inadvertently left out, so a new Senate bill (S 3348) covering all the above items was introduced. On March 18, National Rehabilitation Director, Edward H. Golembieski, accompanied by Assistant National Legislative Director, Charles E. Mattingly, testified in vigorous support of this bill and two House Bills (10106 and 10912) dealing with this and related subjects. VA requested deferment until it completes its own study on rate increases.

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