



# Ten Forty Times

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EIGHTEENTH YEAR

JUNE 1974

## WALKATHON

In May the March of Dimes held a 20 mile walk-a-thon to raise money to help finance their search for solutions to birth defects. If all of the pledges made to the walkers are collected, the walk will have realized over \$30,000. Almost all of this money stays in the local chapter.

The check point for walkers at BCHS was manned by Legionnaires from our Post. Recognition should be given these men who did a lot both for the March of Dimes and the American Legion. They are Art Blanchard, Elmer Bliven, Ken Burns, Harvey Hasen, Sid Kaplan, Oliver Palmer, Bob Smith, Don Smith and Hugh Stowers.

This work was very much appreciated by the March of Dimes who expressed themselves in a letter of appreciation to each of the volunteer workers. The following letter, sent to Bob Smith who acted as chairman of the group, is self explanatory:

### THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION MARCH OF DIMES WALKATHON OFFICE

3 Computer Drive Albany, N. Y. 12205

Mr. Robert J. Smith  
144 Hudson Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing to thank you for the important help you rendered to our Walkathon this past Sunday, May 5.

You, and your fellow American Legionnaires, manning of the check point at Bethlehem Central High School was carried out in a most efficient and friendly manner. If it were not for the help and support such as you gave us for this first Albany County Walkathon, the March of Dimes could never have accomplished what they have over the years.

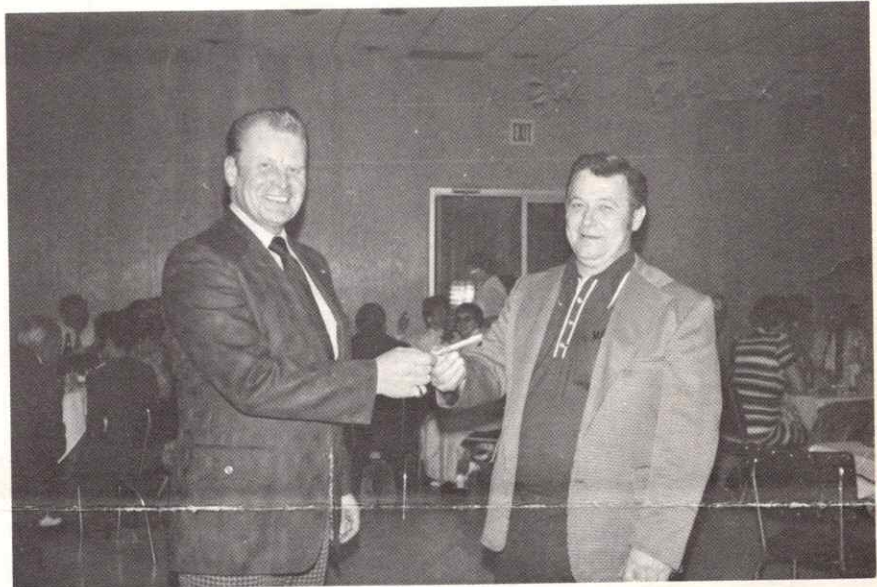
We hope we can count on you to help us again and will look forward to working with Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion for our walk in 1975.

Once again, thank you most sincerely.

Very truly yours,

John C. Dill  
Walk Coordinator

## SURE PAYS OFF TO BE A 20 WEEK CLUB PLAYER



Mr. Ed Starkweather, left, hands over the winning prize to the grand prize winner, Mr. Nelson McClintock, at the recent 20 Week Club Dinner Dance.



Mr. Starkweather, right, hands Mr. Roland Whitney his winning prize while Mrs. Fred Grasser looks on.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

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At this time I want to introduce our Girl's Stater who will be attending Empire Girls State at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, N. Y. from June 23-29. She is Debra Cohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohn, 115 Berwick Road, Delmar. Debra has completed her junior



year at BCHS where she has been an honor role student and has been in the National Honor Society, The Club, and The Swing Choir. Previous years she has been secretary of the Foreign Exchange Club and in the Madragals. She has also been a Circle leader of the National Federation Temple Youth and a summer volunteer at Camp Patches for the Cerebral Palsy handicapped. Debra also plays the guitar and piano. This past February she attended the Washington

Workshops Congressional Seminar in Washington, D. C. This is a nationally acclaimed program for secondary school students. It's a non-profit, non-partisan educational association. It was a week-long seminar meeting with congressmen, senators and government officials. Kids from all over the U.S. attended. Debra's further education will be in law, specifically government.

In May we bought two shirts for our adopted vet, Charlie Butler. Let's not forget him during the summer and if you are near the VA, drop in to see him.

A special date to remember is Tuesday, June 19. It is our regular meeting, which will be preceded by a covered dish dinner at 6:30. Each member is to bring a covered dish and her own place setting. Plan to attend and meet all your new officers and committee chairmen.

The following is an open letter from our Junior Past President, Della Brady:

"Past — Well, my year in office is at an end. It has been a very memorable one. Some laughs, some tears, some elation, some frustration, the same great gals. This has been a year of new things of trial and error. Fortunately for us our many innovations came to only fruitful conclusions. Our season opener, a round and square dance, stole raffle, and the heart pendant raffle that made two organizations happy, our own Auxiliary and the East Greenbush Pop Warner football team, our March spaghetti supper and the card party with booths and afghan raffle have enriched our coffers to make possible our necessary operation funds. We have in the process acquired a staff of caterers who can 'easily' whip up a meal for 30 or 300.

"Present — I must at this time extend a special thanks to Commander Atwood for making this year so pleasant and also to all the Legion men who have assisted us in so many ways in the course of the year. A big thank you to Hank Voorhees and the kitchen crew for our birthday dinner and last, but not least, to Art Quinn who has helped and gone out of his way to make things operate smoothly in a hundred ways—a grateful thank you. Now I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge with a special thank you, Betty Worden, as 'Member of the Year.' Her handiwork and kitchen expertise made many shakey ventures into a huge success. Barbara Palmer, Chaplain, VA Hospital Volunteer, 'Charlie's Girl', apron sewer, VA Hospital Gift Shop Chairman and County Secretary.

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**Good Show!**

Once again the 20 Week Club dinner and dance came off as a huge success. The music was great, the food excellent, and congratulations to Ed Starkweather and his number one man Harvey Hasen—the number one and two big winners of the night were Nelson McClintock and Carol Halloran. Some of the other winners were: Roland Whitney, Ed Volk, Hank Voorhees, Fred Grasser, Ralph Gregory and Tom Blair. The 20 Week Club is a big boost to our Post and we all should do our share by giving it support. Buy your book for the next Twenty Week Club.

♦ D-Day, the Normandie Invasion was on Tuesday, June 6, 1944.

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Barbara Whitney whose knowledge in organization took our dance and other activities and made them run smoothly. Barbara Selig for her help. Marion Dole, Isabelle Greenwood and Tina Romanski for the great job handling the refreshment committee for the year. To Norrine Cooke for our telephone pole and study country presentation. To Lenore Smith for reservations at the birthday dinner, substituting for Isabelle at the Christmas dinner, chairing the nominating committee, providing a speaker for Cancer Month and for all the help and niceties she graciously extended to me during the year. To Marcia Turner for the great job she did on membership and to Marcia Rosenfield for all of her work to make Poppy Day so successful. To all members for all their help and support; to all my officers who worked so hard with me this year a large Thank You one and all.

"Future — Now all my thoughts and wishes are with the new officers and those who will follow in future years. My best wishes I extend to our new Unit officers, to the new Commander and his officers; my best to you for a great year ahead. If I might as a final parting thought, I would like to express my own feelings. I am grateful to you for the honor of serving as your President for the year 1973-74. Thank you for the privilege of this year.

Sincerely,  
Della Brady."

Your 1040 reporter now bids all of you farewell and best wishes to your new reporter who will be taking over this job. It has been a pleasure to write the Auxiliary news this past year.

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## GREAT, KIDS!

A funny thought crossed my mind a few weeks ago: the modern thing seems to be to downgrade our youth every opportunity. Well, I happened to be on hand when the kids put on their walk-a-thon for the March of Dimes. These kids actually walked 20 miles, and you never saw a nicer looking group of young folk. It's too bad these young people didn't get a bigger hurrah for they were beautiful kids working for an honorable and worthwhile cause. With kids like these we all have no fear for the future of America. To all you the youth in this walk-a-thon: great, you were just simply great. We are proud of you. *Ed.*

## ARE THEY EVER PROUD



Here is a picture we promised to print long ago. Peg and George Butman with their beautiful god children Mikko and Sharon VonRonne.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 6, 1974

Regular meeting of the Post opened with 39 members in attendance. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted on motion by Frank Futia.

Commander Atwood called for the following committee reports:

- Frank Zini gave a current financial report.

- Charles O'Hara reminded everyone to fly the Flag on Memorial Day.

- Bob Smith gave brief report on the Walk-A-Thon that was held and wished to thank the following members for their help: Art Blanchard, Elmer Bliven, Ken Burns, Harvey Hasen, Sid Kaplan, Ollie Palmer, Bob Smith, Hugh Stowers and Don Smith.

- Commander Atwood announced that Wynn Robertson will be Grand Marshal for Memorial Day Parade and that Gen. Robert E. Murphy will be guest speaker

at services in Memorial Park following the parade.

- Bill Campbell reported on memorial church services to be held on Sunday, May 19, and wished all would attend.

- Ed Korp said membership is 837.

- George Butman, Board of Directors, asked to have a bill of \$1070 approved by membership for work done at the Post. It was approved.

- Commander Atwood announced the Bloodmobile will be at the Post May 23 for blood donations by the membership.

- County meeting will be at North Albany Post on May 23.

- Commander Atwood welcomed Patrick Calabrese as new member into Post.

With no other business to come before the meeting, Commander Atwood closed in memory of our departed comrades.

John A. Vogel, *Adjutant*

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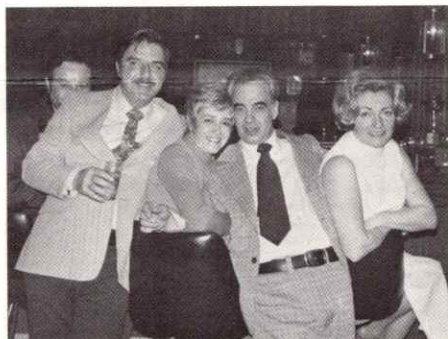
### THE EXTRA FRAME:

...and big congrats to Prez. Larry MONETTE; V. Prez. Hank RISTAU; Secretary Milt ANDRE; and Treasurer John HAKER—the duly elected officers for 1974-75. Milt will serve in a dual capacity as he will be the Post Bowling Chairman ... 'n the John ENNIS rowing association promises a reasonable boat trip to Europe for those with strong backs and plenty of muscle between the ears ... and George WENGER threw me a goodie but ole Dim-Bulb here forgot. I'll have to ask George to remind me of the story ... 'n someone should write an article on the many talents of Lenore SMITH—not the least of which is her tonsorial capabilities ... 'n 3 rousing "All Rights" to Marcia ROSENFELD and the wonderful Auxiliary Ladies for their fine Poppy work ... and there was The Duster frantically broiling steaks for the banquet while his back was being bloodied from getting wet-noodle lashes from the irate League members ... good to see Dave BARREL and his side-kick out to the Post the other p.m. When do those wedding bells chime, Dave? ... and weren't those Walk-A-Thon kids just great! Imagine walking 20 miles to do their part for physically handicapped children. You bet our American kids are the greatest and always will be the greatest! The gent who put it all together and made it go for the American Legion is our own Bob SMITH that's who! ... 'n it's always nice to see Madalyn and Lee BRYANT over at the Post and exchange a few pleasantries ... and you know I haven't seen my pals Gwen and Fred GRASSER for a spell! ... and Mary & Al WOEHRLER and May & Don SMITH must be proud of their canines. I'm no authority on pedigrees but each of these families own a beautiful dog ... and I wonder if it's true that Sid KAPLAN took one look at that picture in the May 1040 *Times* which featured the lovely Mary KAPLAN and himself, and said, "Kaplan, whatta handsome devil you are!" While in the same issue there was The Duster pictured with such noted luminaries as Marion & Al Davis, Ruth

VOORHEES and Ed AHERN ... and I hear Zen & Bill CAMPBELL had one great Canadian trip ... and whenever I get together with Mike MELE and Art QUINN we do a lotta reminiscing about the ole Delaware Avenue gang ... 'n I'll tell you an efficient, business-like chairman and that's our Boys State man Fred TROMBE ... 'n a chap that always has a pleasant greeting and is a genuine nice guy to know is Ken HAVILL that's who ... and, hey, our Vietnam vets are a very knowledgeable, out-spoken group of lads and one of the most articulate is Neal CUMMINGS that's who ... Thank you one and all for reading my stuff these past few years. Who knows maybe I'll be able to get my oar in some other phase of the 1040 *Times* in the future. (Gee, I didn't mean to generate such an outcry of, "Oh no, not you again!") ... Thanks for your courtesy, cooperation, and tolerance.

*Ken (The Gutter Duster) Burns*

### A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL



*A happy group relaxing at the Post Lounge during one of the recent dinner-dance nights. Left to right: Nick D'Angelo, Mr. Struthers, Mr. and Mrs. Maio, and Mrs. Struthers.*

### Albany County Meeting

The June Albany County meeting will be held at Scully Post, 348 Central Ave. The date is Thursday, June 27. Try to be there. All are invited.

### So Long ...

Well, this is the end of another season at the American Legion Post No. 1040, and this is the end of my second year as editor of your Post publication. During my time serving in this capacity, I hope I have not offended any one, and for all the wonderful people who helped me I say "Thank You."

I do not believe I will be doing the *Times* again next year and to the succeeding editor I offer my congratulations and wish him good luck. Good bye and have a happy and safe summer.

*Frank Futia*

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## A SINCERE THANK YOU

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank all who made my year as Commander of Blanchard Post such an enjoyable and rewarding experience. My officers, committees, the ladies of the Auxiliary, and the entire membership all worked so diligently to make every event worthwhile. I am proud to have been Commander of a Post that is so well known and respected not only in our community but in the county and state, and this would not have been possible without these dedicated and enthusiastic workers I was fortunate to have.

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to the new Commander and his officers for a year as successful and stimulating as the one I look back upon, but with the cooperation of all Blanchard Post Legionnaires and Auxiliary, I just know they can't miss!

I will always remember 1973-74 with pride and thank you for the privilege of serving you as Commander.

*Merwyn K. Atwood*

## More Winners

Here are some more names of people who were lucky at the drawing of the 20 Week Club dinner and dance: Jane Alwell, Sam Stein, Bert Kohinke, Roseann Lohrey, Agnes Pearsall and Robert Edwards. Your name can never be drawn unless you purchase a ticket. *Buy your Twenty Week Book NOW!*

# ATTEND CHURCH THIS WEEK

♦ June 14 is Flag Day. Fly your Flag and be proud.

## HIGH/LOW RESULTS

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Joe Pauquette/Ed Vail	1040
Gary Roach/John Haker	1028
Dick Oates/Jim Cummings	997
Jules Aupperle/Al Beckman	987
Jim Berry/Hugh Stowers	960
Ken Havill/George Butman	955
Ray Bender/Bill Alwell	951
Dan Lantz/Ken Burns	937
Angie Tangora/Vern Eagan	928
Ed Korp/Fred Buker	905
Ollie Palmer/Bill Volk	898
Bud Mosmen/Milt Andre	878
Matt Dybas/Bill Johnson	878
Larry Monette/Roland Whitney	870
Bill Campbell/Bill Mitchell	870
Jack Brady/Tom Foy	855
Al Pugliese/Harvey Hasen	852
Joe Marino/George Feiden	838
Dick Cole/Skip Larkin	822

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Joe Cummings: 156/245/576

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High Average.....Jim Berry 175  
High Triple.....Milt Andre 596  
High Single.....Ed Korp 233

### Individual Winners—Class B

High Average.....Joe Cummings 156  
High Triple.....Ed Vail 567  
High Single: A. Pugliese, L. Monette 233

## FLAG ETIQUETTE

How would you rate yourself on these questions regarding our American Flag?

**Question:** Is it necessary for a person to stand and salute when the National Anthem is played?

**Answer:** When the National Anthem is played and the Flag is not displayed, all present should stand and face toward the music. Those in uniform should salute at the first note of the anthem, retaining this position until the last note. All others should stand at attention, men removing their headdress. When the Flag is displayed, the salute to the Flag should be given.

**Question:** Is it necessary for a person to stand and salute when the National Anthem is sung?

**Answer:** If the National Anthem is sung by the entire audience, or a soloist, those persons present should stand but not salute.

**Question:** Is it correct to sing the National Anthem while saluting the Flag?

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friend and enjoy yourself either with a cool one, a game of darts or shuffleboard or a game of table pool ... Clarence Clark is retiring to Alcapulco, Mexico ... Jim Benton III is home from Germany for a visit with those nice people, Carol and Jim ... This being the bed issue of the *Times* for the summer, we hope that all who are taking their vacations will have a safe and happy time. SEE YOU IN THE FALL.

## Worst Joke in 200 Years

The Bicentennial Center for the District of Columbia, the nation's capital, was dedicated on January 14 by the Mayor of Washington. A representative of the White House was there as were other dignitaries. Looking down on the occasion was a new mural, done for the Bicentennial office by an artist named H. H. Booker II. Among the personages depicted: Karl Marx, the father of Communism; Friederich Engels, Marx's associate; Joseph Stalin of the U.S.S.R.; and Mao Tse-tung of the Chinese Communists. For an extra measure, the muralist included a caricature of President Nixon wearing a mustache and clad in the costume of a movie gangster, etc. This is Americana?

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