



# Ten Forty Times

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21st YEAR

JUNE 1976

## Ollie Says 'So-Long' But Not 'Good-Bye'

Thank you all very much for helping make this year the success that it was.

To all the members for their work and moral support. To all officers and the members of the Board of Directors. To the chairmen, and their committees, of the dinner-dances, the children's Christmas party, the ice skating party . . . a special big "thank you."

I'd like to also thank the Ladies of the Auxiliary for their fine support and cooperation.

I am deeply sorry that we lost several comrades by death this year.

I know that the officers of Blanchard Post will have a successful year in '76-'77.

Thank you again very much for helping me through my year.

OLIVER PALMER  
*Past Commander*

## MEET YOUR OFFICERS FOR 1976-77

*Daniel G. Lantz, Commander.* "Giff" is a native of the area, now residing in Slingerlands, and a graduate of Siena College. During World War II he was a Navy pilot. His activities in the Post include Finance Officer and chairman of the Board of Directors.

*William J. Blanchard, Sr. Vice Commander.* A Navy veteran of World War II, and Vietnam, Bill has been active in the Post for some years, including service on the Board of Directors. A native of Albany, Bill now lives in Delmar.

*Robert Ballantine, Vice Commander.* A career Army veteran who saw service in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, Bob is a long time member of the Post who has served us well, notably as chairman of several Memorial Day Parades and co-chairman of the 1976 Memorial Day-Bicentennial Parade. He is currently an officer in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and resides in Clifton Park.

*Milton Andre, Vice Commander.* An Army veteran of World War II, Milt was a Commander of Fort Orange Post before joining Blanchard 14 years ago. He was Sr. Vice Commander for most of the past year, serving as Membership Chairman and doing a spectacular job. He will again handle membership.

*Ernest W. Gall, Adjutant.* A native of Elmsere, Ernie is a World War II Navy veteran. He has been Adjutant for the past year and Manager of our very successful baseball team for the past five years, a chore he will continue to perform for the foreseeable future.

*Robert E. Hoffman, Finance Officer.* Bob is a native of Albany and now lives in the Town of Bethlehem. He is an Army veteran of World War II. Bob has been active in Post activities and brings an accounting background to the job of Finance Officer.

## Bingo Up-Date

While no definite opening date can be determined at this point for the start of bingo at the Post, we can report that we are moving along with all of the paper work and other chores incident to getting the show on the road. Like any application to a State agency, the red tape, petty technicalities and interminable delays are enough to drive one bananas! However, we assure all of you bingo buffs that "opening night" will be announced as soon as it is humanly possible for us to do so. The sooner we get going the happier the Post Finance Officer will be.

## JUNE: THE MONTH OF THE AMERICAN FLAG

Flag Day, June 14, commemorates the date on which the Continental Congress in 1777 passed a resolution adopting the Stars and Stripes as the official FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES. The origins of Flag Day go back to 1877, when the government requested that the Flag be flown from all public buildings to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its adoption. The National Flag Day Bill, officially designating June 14 as Flag Day, was signed by President Harry S. Truman on August 3, 1949. Although Flag Day is observed nationally by presidential proclamation and is celebrated by the display of the Flag and by patriotic programs, it is officially a legal holiday only in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

If you don't have a Flag now, get one and be prepared for Flag Day and that great 200th anniversary of our nation, July 4. Harvey Hasen, our Flag Chairman, has a good supply on hand for this bicentennial year. He may be reached at 439-2561 or a Flag can be gotten from George or Jake at the Post Lounge.

It's nice to report that the Post made its annual presentation of an American Flag to the Tri-Village Little League at their opening ceremonies on May 8.

## VA Hospital Anniversary

This nation of ours was 175 years young when the Albany VA Hospital first saw the light of day in 1951. On May 8 the hospital officially celebrated its 25th anniversary and in the process had its own Spirit of '76 rally.

What the VA Hospital has done for veterans in these 25 years is immeasurable. Suffice to say that it is very comforting to pass it on Holland Avenue and know that it has, and will continue to serve the veteran community as well for better than any VA hospital in the U.S.

The assistance given to the hospital by the Legion and its Auxiliary, as well as by other veterans organizations, has also been unparalleled and has made it possible to ease the hospitalization for thousands of veterans and their families.

Congratulations to a great institution and may it continue to survive and to thrive until the end of time.



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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

By Christine Hoffman

**OFFICERS**

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 Chaplain ..... Lottie Van Dyke  
 Sergeant at-Arms ..... Helen Quinn  
 Historian ..... Freda Sherman

**APOLOGIES!** Boy, is my face red! Your reporter reported June 3 for our covered dish supper meeting. *Correction* — the third Tuesday in the month — JUNE 15 will be our regular meeting, with a covered dish supper. Please bring your own place setting. Let your covered dish be the hit of the evening. At this meeting you will be introduced to your new officers for 1976-77. Our nominating committee, this year, was chaired by Barbara Palmer, ably assisted by Lenore Smith, Lee Hurley, Marcia Turner, Ruth Burns, Helen Quinn, Elizabeth Worden.

*Did you make your 5% donation?* May 12 was designated by the A&P in Delmar as the day when 5% of your purchases, other than cigarettes and alcoholic beverages, would be donated to the American Cancer Fund in the name of Blanchard Post. If this day was successful, the A&P will designate two more special purchase days for the Post and Auxiliary. Special note: please bring your cash register tapes to the Post, if you still have them, so we can check on our participation. Any more information desired, please call Barbara Whitney.

On Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m., you may meet our Girl Stater. There will be a tea given at the Post in her honor. This will be your opportunity to meet Donna Ure. All former Girl Staters and their parents are also invited to attend. We have been given to understand Donna is the third member of her family to participate in the Girls Stater program. Her mother, Mrs. Aino Ure and an aunt, Mrs. Nancy DeLarm of Hague, N. Y., were both elected from Springfield High School in Vermont



DONNA

during the 1946 contest. A salute to the Ure family. We feel certain future generations will be participating in this program too. Donna has been engaged in many student activities, in athletics she has interests in field hockey, basketball, softball, water skiing and skating. Donna has participated in music in her years at Bethlehem Central, including the Concert Band, the Wind Ensemble, and was with the Pit Group during the Bicentennial Play.

We will be looking forward to seeing all our regular members and any new members at our meeting September 21. We hope all Auxiliary members will become better acquainted in the coming year through regular attendance at Auxiliary meetings. See you all in the fall.

**SICK CALL:** Claire Reeber in hospital with a broken leg. Patricia Cannizzaro in Albany Medical Center. Hope the girls are home and on the mend as you are reading this. Our sympathy to Helen Kemnitzer on death of her mother.

**An Open Letter**

To All Members of Blanchard Auxiliary

To each and everyone of you, I give my most heartfelt thanks for all the support and assistance you have given me this past year. It was only with your cooperation that we have been enabled to have such a successful year, and a very pleasant and rewarding one for me.

My best wishes to all our new officers. May we all continue to support them as we carry on our work for God and Country in the coming year.

Yours for the Auxiliary  
 Barbara Whitney  
 Jr. Past President

**Anglers Go Hunting!**

There are openings in the Anglers' Mixed Bowling League. Bowling is on Sunday night from 6 to 8. Anyone interested, call Grace Franze at 463-0822.

**A DAY OF PRAYER**

President Gerald Ford, in a Presidential proclamation, designated May 14 as a National Day of Prayer. Pursuant to this proclamation, Blanchard Post was instrumental in having the Town of Bethlehem issue a resolution recognizing May 14 as a National Day of Prayer in our town. The resolution, reprinted below, was distributed by Father Kaulfuss to all the clergy of the town and also appeared in the *Spotlight* of May 13.

**RESOLUTION**

*Whereas*, the President of the United States of America has issued a proclamation establishing Friday, May 14, 1976, as a National Day of Prayer, and

*Whereas*, the President "calls upon all Americans to pray that day, each after his or her own manner and convictions, for unity and the blessings of Freedom throughout our land and for peace on earth" and

*Whereas*, the officials of the Town of Bethlehem, along with the officers and members of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion, will join in this National Day of Prayer and urge all residents of the town to also pray on this particular day that the many rights and liberties established by our founding fathers, so often taken for granted, be carefully preserved,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that Friday, May 14, 1976, be recognized by all residents of the Town of Bethlehem as a National Day of Prayer.

**BASEBALL 1976**

Ernie Gall, who as manager, led our 1975 baseball team to the State semifinals of American Legion ball, has announced that the opening game of our 1976 season will be played at home (at Bethlehem Senior High School field) on Saturday, June 12, at 6 p.m. Come on out and give the boys a good send-off on their way to the National Championship games, held this year at Manchester, New Hampshire, in September. Ernie says we should have a very fine team again this year. If you cannot make the games, you can nevertheless help our team and Legion Baseball by making donations to the annual raffle now going on in the Post and County in support of baseball. Donations can be made to Jake or George in the Post Lounge, at the June regular meetings or to Ernie Gall (for further information, call Ernie at 439-3271).

**Golf Day**

★ Wednesday, Sept. 15 is *your* 197 Golf Day. Tee-off time is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be an open bar from 6 to 7:30 and dinner will be at 7:45.



## FINALLY THE FINALE

.....and a nice write-up complete with pix in the B.C. Highlights about our own Bill BLANCHARD, SR. (I'm surprised they found him at home—he's usually at Myrtle Beach or some place like that) .....n speaking of Myrtle Beach, Margaret & Harvey HASEN returned, after a visit to the spot, looking in fine fettle. ....and Dick DALTON did a very nice job as acting Chairman of the Board of Directors. ....n whatta pleasant surprise t'other Sat. PM to see 'n hear Jo PRATT, Dot SCHMIDT (SCHMITT)—I'm taking no chances! and Dolly FELTS. ....Iz it true that Bob HOFFMAN and Art BLANCHARD 'r starting a motorcycle gang? ....and whatta great feeling it is for me to know that next year I have no office, no board, no PC Dance, *nothing* and I can be just another C.C. (carping critic). ....n I see by the journals that Chuck and Mary O'HARA, Lenore and Bob SMITH and Betty and Ed VOELK have weddings coming up in their families. Best wishes to all three. ....n say-hey, whatta voice our Post member Dr. Ed. SARGENT has—gotta git him to sing at a Post affair (he did, "Danny Boy" at the St. Pats Party). ....n Frank LOONEY, Matt KLAPP and the Duster had a good rap session recalling ye olde Delaware Ave. ....and with Gloria and Bob BROOM and Roseann and Ted LOHREY at a party ya just know it's gonna be a success, that's what! ....and if ya wanna expert to pin corsages on the ladies, Mike MELE is your man. ....and certainly a nice girl to chat with is Helen QUINN. ....n to Peg LILLY—keep calling me Ed. ....n I haven't seen a pix of "The Huckster" in the papers for a long time. I wonder if he ran out of publicity funds? ....and, that Fritz HULLAR with hiz cartoons—yikes! ....at County Meeting our Adjutant Ernie GALL was commended—couldn't happen to a nicer gent! ....and if Jean DUGAN takes those golf lessons, I'm gonna git her to teach me, that's what. ....n congrats to a swell gent on his promotion to Brig. Gen.—Joe FIATO. ....and I hope that Jack McDONALD gets in our bowling league next season because I'll beat the stuffin' outta him, that's what! —yeah, and you, too Frank DI SANTO! ....n right off of the boat and over to the banquet come Doris and Jules AUPPERLE—gonna call him "Dr. J" next season. ....Aw c'mon, Lillian BLANCHARD, tell me what happened to yer hand. I won't tell. ....n fer a week-end bus trip to Square Lake contact Big Paul JORALEMON. ....and I'll have to ask Jane ALWELL about this whipped cream on patatoes bit. ....and our sincere sympathy to Bud MOSMEN on the

recent death of his mother. ....n certainly many happy retirement years to that Celtic Albany Squire—Pat IGOE. ....n big congrats to Jim BLANCHARD & Co. on a swell 20-Week Party. ....and say-hey didn't Bill ALWELL look like the dapper dude at the 20-Week Dinner. Real fancy threads, Bill! ....and a nice going, right on & cheers to Ed AHERN on being appointed to the Board of Directors of that nationwide Hospital Purchasing Directors Assn. ....and let's talk Millie and Bill KARINS into moving to Delmar. ....and congrats to Prez. Hank RISTAU, V. Prez. Ray BENDER and the other officers of Blanchard Bowling League for their swell job this past season! ....and to Bill JOHNSTON, Mary MELE and the other luckies—congrats, but I still think I woulda won if I had had me lucky seat ('n the first wise-guy who makes a smart remark about that statement gits 3 whacks with a boffo!) ....and I gotta go now to help that tax wizard find 3 guys to fill the bus! ....Thanks to yez one and all for reading me offerings lo these many issues. ....Rumblings from the Bankers Club in the Big Apple—"Just ghashly of Chuck Jay to refer to the D.J. as Dow-Jones. He's been away too long." Ken Burns

## KEGLERS CORNER

The final curtain fell on the 1975-76 bowling season with a sumptuous banquet at LaCasa Restaurant. Ray Bender, chairman, and his committee outdid themselves! No gripes! Hard to believe?

Thanks to Pres. Hank Ristau, some of the ladies went home with nice prizes.

Al Beckmann, who's moving to North Carolina this summer was presented with a new pair of Arnie Palmer golf shoes by his fellow bowlers.

New season starts September 10. Any members wishing to join the league as regulars or fill-ins may phone Milt at 434-6904 or leave your name at the Post Lounge.

## MEMORIAL DAY - BICENTENNIAL PARADE

With the hope that this issue of the 1040 Times will reach our members before the parade, we are including some last minute comments that should be of interest and aid to all who will participate or observe. All of the information published in the May issue was correct except that we have now been advised that all parade divisions will start forming according to the order of march *no later than 9:30 a.m.* Also, at the termination of the parade at the War Memorial Park, there will be transportation

## MEMBERSHIP AT 919

Sorry to announce that "THE EARLY BIRD PROGRAM" for the 1977 *Membership Drive Had To Be Delayed* due to circumstances beyond our control. Personal letters and phone calls to our 16 *delinquent members* have brought four responses. Two paid their dues and two have removed with unknown forwarding addresses.

As announced in last month's issue by "Our Editor, Charlie," **NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP NEW MEMBERS FOR 1977—16 months of dues for the price of \$10!!!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**STARTING JUNE FIRST, ALL DUES CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED:**

Milt Andre  
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Again, my sincere thanks to the ENTIRE POST MEMBERSHIP for their wonderful support. *A Special Thanks* to Harvey Hasen and Jack Brady for their great help.

**YOUR 1977 DUES NOTICES MAY ARRIVE WITH THE SEPT. ISSUE OF THE 1040 TIMES.** This would be a big money-saver if we can swing it.

Milt Andre

## JUNE CALENDAR

June 6 (Sun.)—D-Day (1944), fly the Flag.

June 7 (Mon.)—Post Affairs Committee meeting at 7:30; regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments after

June 14 (Mon.)—Flag Day, fly the Flag

June 21 (Mon.)—Regular Post meeting at 8:30; refreshments to follow.

## Sympathy

The officers and members of the Post extend their sympathy to Bud Mosmen on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is also extended to Merwyn Atwood on the illness of his wife, Eleanor. All look forward to seeing her back on her feet in the near future.

available back to the high school parking area. It has been suggested that all parade participants be dropped off at the parade staging area prior to parking your car at the parking lot. The parade will go on regardless of the weather, so everyone is urged to join Sid Kaplan and Bob Ballantine in fervent prayers for a beautiful day. Complete details, including maps, have been furnished all participating units. See you all Monday, May 31. The Post will be open, as always, after the parade.



## 20 WEEK CLUB ROUND-UP

Jim Blanchard, Chairman, sends his many thanks to all who made the dinner dance on May 8 the success that it was. He says you just can't say enough about such great helpers as Bob and Lenore Smith, Ken and Ruth Burns, Rollie and Barbara Whitney, Harvey and Margaret Hasen, Artie and Kathy Blanchard, Bill and Lil Blanchard, Anita, Celeste and Rose Mary Blanchard (can this be the start of Blanchard's Army?), Hank and Marsha Turner, Fred Linc, Mike Partak, Dick DeRusso, Mike Mele, John Ennis, Carol Cummings and that master chef, Hank Voorhees.

The winners—other than the eaters—of the cash drawings were:

\$500 Vinnie Wisehour; \$200 Mary Mele; \$100 Theresa Blanchard, Odel Braden, Anna Mae White, William Johnston; \$50 Lee Bryant, Peter VanAmerengan, Ron Moessner and Bruce Wood.

## Monthly Luncheons

This month's luncheon of World War I veterans will be at noon on Tuesday, June 15, at the usual place, the LaCasa Restaurant in Selkirk. They will continue during the summer months, same time, same place.

The monthly luncheons sponsored by World War II veterans, usually held on the second Monday of each month, will be suspended during June, July and August. The troops will then reassemble on Monday, September 13, at the same mess hall at the same hour (1300). The decision to call a halt for the summer was decided by vote of those present at the luncheon on May 10. Beginning with the September luncheon it was also decided to have libations served in the room prior to and during the luncheon. At the suggestion of some members we will give this a trial for a few months.

## From Your Editor

With this issue we close the 1975-76 year of the 1040 Times. To say it has been a very interesting and pleasurable experience putting the paper together for the past ten months is another of my understatements. It is hardly necessary to say that it never could have been done without the splendid cooperation of many at the Post. I never like to cite names when passing out accolades—you are bound to forget someone. They know who they are, I know who they are and I believe most members know who they are. My sincere thanks to all of you. The Lord willing, I will be around come September as editor and I trust I can count on you all again plus any new volunteers that care to join us.

## PAST COMMANDERS - BLANCHARD NIGHT

On April 24, Joseph Cummings was presented with the Past Commanders' Annual Diamond Pin Award for outstanding service to Blanchard Post over a period of years. The award was made by Past Commander Hugh Stowers during the ceremonies on that night. Past Commander Ken Burns was the M.C.

Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss, Chaplain of our Post and Rector of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was presented with a Life Membership in Blanchard Post for his outstanding contributions to the Post and the community by Past Commander Alvin Greenwood, on behalf of the Post.

A Posthumous Award was given in memory of Sr. Vice Commander Edward Korp, who died in 1975 while in office. The award was to memorialize his contributions to Blanchard Post and was presented to his widow, Peg Korp, by Past Commander Robert Smith.

The National 50-Year Membership Award was given to Howard Maguire by his son-in-law, Commander Palmer.

Past Commander Michael Mele made the floral presentations; Past Commander Alexander Woehrle led in the singing of our National Anthem; and Past Commander Charles O'Hara read the Roll Call of Past Commanders.

Ken (M.C.) Burns thanks all the great people who made the night a success: Hank Voorhees, Frank Futia, Pat Igoe, Art Blanchard, Matt Klapp, Ray Bender, Barb Whitney, Rolly Whitney, Carolyn Bliven, Cora Bliven, Bill Bliven, Paul Joralemon, Ernie Gall, Rose Marino, Joe Marino, Rosemary Blanchard, Christine Hoffman, Jim Blanchard, Merle Oliver, Bruce Oliver, Millie Karins, Bill Karins, Betty Waylett, George Waylett, Lenore Smith, Bob Smith, Bob Hoffman, Joan Stowers, Hugh Stowers, Jack Cappallo, John Smith, Mike Burns, Merv Atwood, George Hachigian, Ruth Burns and Jack Brady.

In addition to the above for their program participation—Rev. Charles H. Kaulfuss, Al Greenwood, Michael Mele, Charles O'Hara, Oliver Palmer, George Butman. And thanks to Al Woehrle for the vocals; and to Jerry Romano for securing a great band for us—Joe Cosco and his orchestra.

The attendance exceeded our fondest expectations. The program and evening happenings moved to perfection. All of that and we made a profit for the Post!

Again thanks to one and all of you who worked, attended and participated.

*Ken Burns, Chairman*

## THE NATIVES ARE GETTING RESTLESS

A very lively discussion (the understatement of the century) at the regular Post meeting of May 3, made it abundantly clear to all who care to listen, within and without the Post, that the active membership is disturbed. Rumbles have rumbled at times over the years about the lack of recognition given our Post in the selection of a County Commander. However, these concerns have always faded, to wind up in the Limbo of File 13. Therefore, it was the

consensus at the meeting that a concerted effort would be made in the form of a continuous and continuing Blanchard Post program, inaugurated in the 1976-77 year to convince whatever powers need to be convinced that the No. 1 Post in the County is in dead earnest on this matter and that the County Committee can expect to hear about it. Better than 20 years of being ignored is, we are certain, good reason for being disturbed.

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