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BUILDING REPORT

Your post has voted to erect a new building, and in order to accomplish this endeavor it needs the support of every member.

You will be called upon to attend a meeting in the Post Room in the near future.

It is vital that you attend one of these meetings, and we ask your earnest cooperation.

Many hands make a hard job easy. May we count on you for your support?

There will be more detailed reports coming up as we progress. One thing is for sure, keep those pledges coming in! Also if you have not pledged yet please think about it! Every little bit helps!!

George Butman
Chairman

"GET ACQUAINTED NIGHT"

Opening Blanchard Post's 1968 fall season will be the "Get Acquainted Dance" which will be on the evening of Saturday, September 14th. Co-chairing this first big event will be Gwen and Fred Grasser and Barbara and Ollie Palmer.

Jerry Romano will emcee the affair, as he did last year, with his enjoyable songs and dance music. Reservations will be limited to 150 and will sell at \$3.00 per person. Anyone wishing to dance must have a ticket to go upstairs. Anna Mae White will be catering for us with a roast beef and turkey buffet with all the trimmings.

Circle your calendar for September 14th and be at the Post to greet old friends and get acquainted with the newcomers.

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

TUESDAY, September 3 — Post Affairs Committee Meets 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 14 — "Get Acquainted Night"—Jerry Romano, emcee; dancing; refreshments, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, September 16—Mid-monthly Post meeting 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, September 17 — Blanchard Post Auxiliary Meeting 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, September 26 — County Legion Meets (place to be announced)

MONDAY, September 30—Board of Directors Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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Keglers Ready

All bowlers are raring to go as a new season opens on Friday, September 6.

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President	Al Beckman
Treasurer	Andy Rooney
Vice President	Ed Hanrahan
Secretary	Charlie Wiley

Team Captains

Ken Stinson, Walter Van Wormer, Ed Loftus, Milt Andre, Angelo Tangora, Bill Johnson, Skip Larkin, Doc Klett.

Also Dick announced that he will be back to manage the team next year. Win, lose or draw, we are sure the whole Post will be behind you 100%.

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Another Banner Year

This was the first time Department membership surpassed 100% quota by Convention call date. There was a record number of counties (46) which exceeded 100%. There were seven districts which went over 100%.

We at Blanchard also reached a new high of 782 members. We hope to go over the 800 mark this coming year.

By next month, Hugh Stowers, our 1969 Membership Chairman, will have sent out the initial dues notices and we hope also to meet our quota in record time and we need your help on this so be sure to send in your check as soon as possible.

WE'RE OFF!

To the Saratoga Raceway on Wednesday, September 18th because it's going to be Blanchard Post 1040 nite at the Raceway. Two bus-loads of Blanchard members and friends will depart from the post rooms at 6:15 p.m. sharp. The price will be \$8.00 per person which includes transportation, a wonderful buffet dinner, food gratuities, complete general and clubhouse admissions and all taxes, a reserved dining viewing area in the clubhouse and a race named in our honor with our Commander presenting a trophy. It should be a gala evening.

Bill McGoey and Hank Kindberg have handled the arrangements. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, September 10th and paid for. You can contact Bill or Hank or Art Quinn at the Post lounge regarding this affair. For tips and inside information regarding all the races contact Gus Williams or Dick Dalton.

Important!

For future issues of the Ten-Forty Times, please get your information to Mike Mele, 498 Delaware Avenue, Delmar as soon as possible but no later than the 15th of the month.

"THANK YOU", AL WOehrLE

We could hardly let this first edition of the Ten-Forty Times go to press without expressing the sincere appreciation of all our members to Al Woehrle who recently retired as editor of the paper. Al served as editor for over a dozen years and during that time the Ten-Forty went from a one-page news-letters to the fine paper we all receive today.

In those dozen years Al spent many, many hours on all the details necessary to have all the items ready for publication. Writing hundreds of news items, those numerous phone calls, delivering it all on time to the printer and picking the papers up when they were printed and then delivering them to the post office in Delmar for mailing were just a few of the things that had to be done aside from his many other activities.

A hearty "thank you", Al, from all fellow Legionnaires and the Auxiliary members alike.

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*** AUXILIARY NEWS****Auxiliary President's Corner**

The 1968-69 Auxiliary year has officially begun. The calendar of events has been prepared by the Executive Committee and several chairmen for these events have already formed their committees.

Past President Helen Reynolds presided at the ceremony installing the officers for this year:

President	Mrs. Herbert Hafley
First Vice President	Mrs. William Campbell
Second Vice President	Mrs. Robert Rosenfield
Secretary	Mrs. Charles Setzer
Treasurer	Mrs. Edward Tyman
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. William Schraa
Historian	Mrs. Walter Van Wormer

President Maud Hafley was presented with a lovely corsage of orchids. In her first address, as the presiding officer, to the members, President Maud stressed that by being an active participant in the Auxiliary, the member receives more pleasure from the organization because it is through participation that we accomplish our goals and through participation also that we enjoy the companionship of our co-members. President Maud invited all new members to acquaint her of their interests. If you're new to our organization and would like to work on a project place an informal phone call to President Maud and tell her so. You'll soon find yourself among the friendship of the happy 'doers'.

President Maud announced the Standing Committee Chairmen for this year:

Americanism	Mrs. Arthur Quinn
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Past President Parley	Mrs. Roger Reynolds
Poppy & Poppy Posters	Mrs. Robert Rosenfield

Rehabilitation	Mrs. Roger Reynolds
Refreshments	Mrs. Hugh Stowers
	Mrs. Frank Turner

County Delegates are: Maurie Flanigan, Esther Cooke, Helen Reynolds, Zen Campbell, Mary Conner and Maud Hafley.

The first meeting of the Auxiliary year, as mentioned, will be held Sept., 17th, Tuesday. The meeting will be preceded by a covered dish supper beginning at 6:30. Delicious, delicious, everyone of the tempting tasty dishes. Bring your specialty or attempt as I did (It passed but not in the top 10 favorites), your own silverware and china and your appetite. Chairmen Joan Stowers and Ada Turner will cater the rolls, butter, coffee and dessert.

Department Convention

President Maud Hafley and Past President Helen Reynolds represented our unit as delegates to the Department Convention held in Syracuse, N. Y., July 25th. Mrs. John Mazzie of Beth Page, N. Y. was elected Department President. Assisting her are elected Vice Presidents: Mrs. William E. Robinson of Poughkeepsie and Mrs. Herman Harrington of Rensselaer.

Past Department President Maud Hafley was honored at the Convention by being appointed Department Chaplain. President Maud has, in turn, honored our Unit by accepting this appointment.

Retirement Dinner

Past President Helen Reynolds humbly accepted a tray presented to her by the incoming President Maud Hafley in behalf of the membership in appreciation for Helen's year of leadership. Past President Helen said the honor of the position was worth all the extra time and work she crammed into the years. Because she was so busy the year seemed to pass all too quickly. Now she looks back and remembers only the pleasures of the year and the esteem of her office. "I will remember you all each time I use this most attractive tray." Helen thanked her officers and all who helped to make her year successful. As we congratulated Helen we noticed she proudly displayed her Past President's ring.

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Auxiliary President's Corner*continued from page two**Sweet Tooth*

Chairman Lee Hurley is unpacking cartons of candies for our first fund raising project. If she overcomes the irresistible temptation of snitching the chocolates herself we'll have the popular Kathryn Beich Candies for sale this month. Lee has ordered a variety of soft and hard candies. She will begin distributing the goodies at the first meeting, Sept. 17th, or you may phone her at her home (439-1249) to place your order. The candies may also be purchased from the friendly bartender at the Post. Nudge your husbands girls, you deserve a treat!

Top Reading

"I didn't know how involved the Department is in Child Welfare until I read the Empire State News."

"I didn't know the Department's special Rehabilitation's project for the year until I read the Empire State News."

I didn't know the Department awarded a \$4,300 fellowship to a resident physician until . . ."

Until I read the Empire State News and broadened my knowledge of the happenings of the American Legion Auxiliary of New York State.

Mabel McCredie, Chairman, knows we all can benefit from reading this monthly publication. This is the best way for new members to become knowledgeable of the total organization from unit, to county, to state and from then on to renew your subscription to become continually informed of yearly events, projects, legislature, etc. Is it time to renew your subscription? Check the date after your name on the last page of any issue.

What is surprising is that the cost for this monthly magazine per year is only \$1.00. Checks can be made payable to Empire State News and sent to Mrs. William M. McCredie, 12 Salisbury Road, Delmar, N. Y. 12054. Please include your address and zip code and label renewal or new subscription.

Mabel will also be at the first monthly meeting, Sept. 17th, to accept your subscription.

Important: Dues Due

A recommendation will be made at the National Convention in New Orleans in September that the National per capital shall be increased effective with the payment of the 1968-1969 dues. All remittances forwarded by the Unit Membership Chairman by October 5th, 1968 will NOT BE at the increased rate. Therefore, to keep the same proportioned amount of dues in our treasury it is imperative that we send our dues (\$3.50) to the chairman early in September, or we will be impecunious. Make your checks payable to Blanchard Post Auxiliary #1040 and send it to Mrs. William Campbell, 264 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054. Remember it takes time for Zen to process the membership cards and they must be in the mail by October 5th. So please, don't wait for the first meeting. Send your checks NOW. Thank you.

Card Party

September 24th we're having a Card Party and Fashion Show. Helen Reynolds is Chairman assisted by Esther Cooke, refreshments; Mary Conner, tickets; Anita Schaming and Lee Hurley, door prizes; Maud Hafley, table prizes; and Charlotte Johnston, hospitality. Start now to call your friends and neighbors to make a foresome for each table. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Auxiliary or at the door September 24—the last Tuesday of the month—at 8:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Calendar

TUESDAY, Sept. 17—Covered Dish Supper at 6:00 p.m. Monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20—County meeting, Voorheesville Post at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, Sept. 24—Card Party at 8:00 p.m.

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BLANCHARD POST BASEBALL REPORT

BY DICK DALTON,
Baseball Chairman

The 1968 season did not end up quite the way we had it figured. Back in early June we anticipated winning the County Championship. However — we finished our league with a nine win, nine loss record, and two ties and one loss in outside competition. Our team never suffered a bad defeat, every game was by one or two runs, with three of our losses coming in extra innings.

It was expected that there would be a close race this year, but the Coeymans Post had a comparably easy time in racking up their first County Championship in ten tries. Coeymans went on to win the Third District championship, then defeated the Fourth District winners, only to lose to Staten Island in the state semi-finals.

Our main difficulty was in our lack of hitting. The team average was quite low. The pitching records of our staff, while not too impressive in the won and loss column were outstanding in the earned run average computation. We had many interesting games including three close ones with Voorheesville and Green Island, a tie game with powerhouse Kingston, a ten inning affair with Scully, and a tough nine inning loss to Coeymans.

Quite a few boys wound up their Legion careers this year including Rich Plass, Tony Tuzzolo, Vic Maki, Jack Dalton, Ed Kleinke, and Harold Hasselbarth. Other members of the team this year were Tom Byron, Steve Peters, Tom Arnstein, Brian Shea, Al Bradt, Sean Egan, Walter Berry, Steve Kawczak, Mike Motta, and Mike Riley.

I would be remiss if I did not say thanks to the Post and sponsors for all their help, and to Warren Boutelle, who has put in four exacting years with this ball club.

A Reminder

If you know of any member of the Armed Forces in Vietnam from the Town of Bethlehem who is not on the list of the Committee that Cares, please contact Ray La Moy, 439-5763, so that the name can be added.

IN THE QUIET PLACE

One pleasant Sunday afternoon, after visiting the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., I strolled through the slum area and noticed a large sign posted on one old house. It read, "CONDEMNED."

Windows in the frame building were either boarded up or broken out, the yard was overgrown with weeds, and the house was an eyesore in an otherwise old but respectable-looking neighborhood.

I began wondering about the history of the building, probably dating back to the turn of the century. Did some governmental official ever occupy it? How many people lived in it?

This house had apparently reached the end. There was no indication of any intention to make the necessary repairs.

The late Dr. H. A. Ironside used to say he didn't want any expensive tombstone; just a plain marker reading: "Saved by grace, moved out until renovated and repaired."

What a glorious day it will be for every believer when his body—his earthly tabernacle—will be completely renovated and made fit for our eternal dwelling! *Bernard R. DeRemer*

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ANGER

If you sometimes kick the furniture in a fit of rage, chances are you're a typical male. Anger studies at two universities show that men are more apt to get angry at inanimate objects like razor blades, missed trains or furniture, while women usually flare up at other people. Men commonly express their anger about six times a week but women only three times a week. Other studies revealed that people are most anger-prone a half hour before meal times. This suggests that religion, politics and business subjects make better after-dinner than before-dinner talk.

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CRIME

Possibly one of the most compelling reasons for more daylight hours from November to April is personal safety. Adults and especially children, are exposed to more danger from criminal attack in the dark hour between 5 and 6 p.m. during these months than any other of the 24 hours. Chicago Police Dept. statistics from November 11 to April 27 recorded 5,554 major crimes committed between 5 and 6 in the afternoon, 17% more than the average of the two previous daylight hours. According to Chicago police, 6 out of every 10 major crimes are committed in darkness. Incidentally, the crime rate for the hour preceding day-break is about half that of an hour beginning at 5 p.m.

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Book Covers Again This Year

Commander Campbell has announced that the Post will again furnish free book covers to the school children of the area. Past Commander Charles O'Hara will be in charge of the distribution of the covers which are imprinted with a non-denominational prayer. They will be available at the Post and at the Elsmere and Delmar branches of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company.

This program originated with the New York Department and was adopted by this Post several years ago. As a reflection of basic Legion philosophy, and as another manifestation of our concern for the children of the nation, this has been an extremely worthwhile and gratifying project.

Most importantly it has been enthusiastically endorsed by our community.

TOOLS

Any domesticated animal is better at finding food and shelter for itself than man is, if man has only his bare hands to work with. Man's brain has helped him because he has used it to invent tools. The scale on which we are able to live depends on the tools available to us. Whether we can manage to earn a living at all may, in fact, depend upon these tools... Industrial tools and machines are seldom if ever glorified by poets and painters. They do not have the romantic associations of ships, horses, plows, or windmills. Nevertheless, tools—from the humble screwdriver to the giant drill press—are pretty wonderful creations. In view of what they do for us, surely they deserve much more respect and attention than many of us give them.

James A. McClos

Fly The Flag

In a continuing effort to have a display of American Flags on specific holidays, particularly by ex-service men and women, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, The American Legion, Herber and Elsmere Aves., Elsmere, will again offer for sale 3 by 5 cotton bunting 50-star Flag Kits, with jointed pole, halyard and bracket for \$3.50 complete. Kits may be purchased at the Post or from flag chairman George Reeber, 524 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, phone 439-5910

As an added incentive we will give a FLAG KIT FREE to any VIETNAM veteran in the Tri Village area.

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INVENTORS

Most people are quite sure that the major as well as the minor modern gadgets are very much worth having, but their inventors are not always of the same opinion. I have long cherished the fact that Alexander Graham Bell refused to have a telephone in his house; that Alfred Sloane "sometimes regretted" the invention of the internal combustion engine; and that Robert Oppenheimer confessed to the conviction that he and some of the others responsible for the atom bomb "had known sin." Recently I have been pleased to add to this list the name of Vladimir Zworykin, said to be the man most responsible for the invention of electronic television. Asked his favorite TV program, he replied, "None."

Joseph Wood Krutch

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Give Art A Visit

As most of the members know, Art Quinn has been quite ill for the past month. Let's all hope and pray that he will be back very soon, and in the best of health. I know one thing, the commander (especially) and a few others are working quite hard to keep things in order—behind the bar!

WHERE DO YOU SPEND IT?

Recently the Manchester, N. H., UNION LEADER carried the following paragraph which appeared first in the EVANGELIST MAGAZINE: "The average man or woman in the United States who has reached 70 years of age has spent his time from birth to that date:

3 yrs. in education,
8 yrs. in amusement,
6 yrs. in eating,
11 yrs. in working,
24 yrs. in sleeping,
5½ yrs. in washing and dressing,
6 yrs. in walking,
3 yrs. in conversation,
3 yrs. in reading,
6 months in church."

The editor of the UNION LEADER adds: "The final item on the list indicates why this is not a better world than it is."

WHOEVER MAKES A GARDEN

Whoever makes a garden
Has never worked alone;
The rain has always found it,
The sun has always known;
The wind has blown across it
And helped to scatter seeds;
Whoever makes a garden
Has all the help he needs.

Whoever makes a garden
Should surely not complain,
With someone like the sunshine
And someone like the rain
And someone like the breezes
To aid him in his toil
And someone like the Father
Who gave the garden soil.

Whoever makes a garden
Has, oh, so many friends;
The glory of the morning
The dew when daylight ends.
For wind and rain and sunshine
And dew and fertile sod;
And he who makes a garden
Works hand and hand with God.

Education Magazine

SUPER SALESMAN

The department store clerk had broken all sales records. Modestly disclaiming credit, he explained to his boss, "A customer came in, and I sold him some fishhooks. 'You'll need a line for those hooks,' I said, and sold him some line. Then I told him, 'You have to have a rod to go with the line,' so I sold him a rod. 'You ought to have a boat so you can use your new rod in deep water,' I suggested, and sold him a boat. Next I told him, 'You'll need a boat trailer,' and he fell for that, too. Finally, I said, 'How will you pull the trailer without a car?' And guess what? He bought my car."

"But I assigned you to the greeting card department," said the boss.

"That's right," the salesman nodded. "This customer came in for a get-well card for his girl, who had a broken hip. When I heard that, I said to him, 'You haven't got anything to do for six weeks, so you might as well go fishing.'"

SMILE AWHILE

Men have a much better time of it than women. They marry later . . . and die sooner.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a frown.

Their unhappiness is due to illness — they're sick of each other.

A husband is a man who wishes he had as much fun when he is out as his wife thinks he does.

Sadly we must admit that the various names of perfumes suggest that virtue doesn't make scents.

A gossip is one who burns the scandal at both ends.

To be the picture of good health, one needs a good frame of mind.

One sure test of will power, is to see a friend with a black eye and not ask any questions.

A woman may be scared to death of a mouse, but she is usually willing to take her chances with a wolf.

A bachelor is a fellow of un-altarable views.

A bore is someone who is here today and here tomorrow.

To a bachelor marriage is just a lot of dame foolishness.

The "beat" records don't really last that long. You just don't notice when they're worn out.

Matrimony is the splice of life.

Retirement is the time in life when you stop lying about your age and start lying about the house.

Two boy silkworms raced for the love of a girl silkworm and they ended in a tie.

A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew.

Cosmetics are a woman's means for keeping men from reading between the lines.

One woman's definition of retirement: "Twice as much husband on half as much money."

A woman never knows what she can do until she cries.

The reason many people don't live within their income is that they don't consider that living.

The only way to get anywhere is to start from where you are.

By the time a man is in shape to buy his wife beautiful clothes, she isn't.

He sent his picture to the Lonely Hearts Club. The reply came back, "we're not that lonely."

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You lived one in your home.

You wrote no lofty poems
That critics counted art,
But with a nobler vision
You lived them in your heart.

You carved no shapeless marble
To some high soul design
But with a finer sculpture
You shaped this soul of mine.

You built no great cathedrals
That centuries applaud
But with a grace exquisite
Your life cathedraled God.

Had I the gift of Raphael
Or Michael Angelo
O, what a rare Madonna
My mother's life would show.

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A child born between 1755 and 1776 could expect to live thirty-four years. That was the average life-expectancy for the population.

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Blessed are my enemies, for they tell me the truth when my friends flatter me.

Blessed are my enemies, for they prevent all men speaking well of me.

Blessed are my enemies, for they tell me what they don't like in me, rather than the things they do like.

Blessed are my enemies, for they provide an object of love outside the small circle of my selfishness.

Blessed are my enemies, for they rub off the artificial varnish and make me see my natural complexion.

Blessed are my enemies, for their mirror of biting sarcasm and scathing rebuke reveals me to myself.

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An object will weigh slightly more at the equator than at points north or south of it because the earth is not a perfect sphere and the pull of its mass, which is gravity is the greatest at the equatorial bulge.

The human body has approximately 2,500,000 sweat glands with about 2,500 per square inch on hands, forehead and the soles of the feet where they are most numerous.

Halley's comet, last seen in 1910, supposedly discovered in 240 B. C. reappears roughly every 76 years — next due in 1986.

The first resident of the White House in Washington, D. C. was President John Adams who moved in November, 1790.

Vernal equinox is the first day of spring and the autumnal equinox is the first day of autumn — equinox is that period when the days and nights are of equal length.

The earth is the fifth largest planet of the solar system and the third away from the sun. Mercury is closest, then Venus.

An ice boat can sail faster than the wind, but a sailboat because of friction drag in the water cannot.

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