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## BUILDING FUND REPORT

As most all members know, our new Post is coming along just fine. Before we know it, Gus Williams plus all his great helpers will soon have the foundation completed and the framework going up, and according to all reports, it may be ready for business sometime in November of *this* year. (how about that!)

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BY MARCIA ROSENFELD

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**AUXILIARY NEWS**

Where, oh where, did the summer go? Minus the rainy days, what had we left? And time too quickly passes into September and we find our Auxiliary's Calendar jotted with dates of our coming activities.

The Standing Committee Chairmen have been appointed and many are already busy filling their commitments. They are:

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During the summer President Maud Hafley and Marcia Rosenfield attended the State Legion Auxiliary Convention

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at Niagara Falls. A report of this convention will be given at the first meeting in September.

President Maud also attended the National Convention. She will report on the happenings during those seven days in August in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Auxiliary year will begin for all members on September 16. As usual, the business meeting of this evening will be preceded by a covered dish supper beginning at 6:30. Please bring your own silver and china and, of course, your famished appetite. Chairman Ruth Burns will cater the rolls, butter, coffee and dessert. The casseroles, salads, etc., each of you prepares are so delicious, couldn't we begin to trade some recipes?

September 27 is the date of the Third District Fall Conference. The place has not yet been announced.

On September 30 at 8:00 p.m. we will host the county delegates. This of course means food and beverage for our guests. So when the refreshment chairman calls for your help that particular evening, please reply yes.

It's dues time again. If you will make your check (\$3.50) payable to Blanchard Post Auxiliary No. 1040 and send it to Mrs. William Campbell, 264 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, N. Y. 12054, Zen will polish to a shine a bright red apple for you. If you can send your dues to Zen *now* before the first meeting, she can start her necessary 'paper work' promptly. Thank you.

Although Lee Hurley has been in the hospital this past summer, she will still be chairman of our popular candy sales. Lee is the kind of trouper who won't say "no" when it's for the good of the Auxiliary. She will use her breezeway as a storeroom for the delicious Kathryn Beich Candies and be assisted by co-chairman Janet Setzer, who will provide transportation.

Anita Schaming is in the hospital. Ona Brown is home but still ill. To Lee, Anita and Ona, the members send their remembrances to you and the wish for a speedy recovery.

On October 14, the second Tuesday of the month, we're having a card party and fashion show. President Maud Hafley is chairman assisted by Mary Kaplan

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and Helen Reynolds, fashions; Marcia Rosenfield and Zen Campbell, tickets; Esther Cooke and Lenore Smith, refreshments; May Smith and Joan Stowers, tables and tallies; Irene White, prizes; Charlotte Johnston and Chris Barkhuff, hostesses. Fashions for winter and the coming holiday party season will be shown by Dorothy Lynn. Tickets may be obtained from Zen (439-3398) or Marcia (439-6225), other members of the Auxiliary or at the Post Room the night of the card party at eight o'clock.

The President, officers and members of the Auxiliary express their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Florence Holmes and to her dear friend and companion, Mary Conner. The gentleness and dedication of this lovely lady will be retained in our memories.

TUESDAY, September 16 — Regular monthly meeting at the Post. Covered dish supper at 6:30, meeting at 8:00.

SATURDAY, September 27 — Third District Fall Conference. Place to be announced.

TUESDAY, September 30 — County meeting at the Post Room, 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 14 — Fall Card Party and Fashion Show at the Post Room at 8:00 p.m.

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**Little Shaver Keeps Things Humming**

Finally, George Laird checked in, and long overdue, with the story of the misadventures of one Artie Quinn, who stepped into his car the other morning, turned the ignition key and became aware of a strange buzzing. He figured maybe the starter motor had stuck or some such thing, and turned the key off. The buzzing persisted, and he decided maybe there was a short circuit somewhere. He drove to a garage, where a mechanic lifted the hood and poked around a while, only to report that all seemed to be in order. A look in the trunk showed nothing wrong with the wiring for the tail lights, either.

So, Artie drove home, the car operating perfectly but the buzzing still continuing, and when he slid across the seat to avoid getting out on a patch of ice on the driver's side, he sat on something hard and the buzzing stopped. There, on the front seat, was his battery-operated electric shaver, which had been shaving away busily all the while.

The car never did need any repairs, but next day he had to buy new batteries for the shaver.

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## DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

BY HAROLD BARKHUFF

The 51st Annual Department Convention of New York took place in Niagara Falls, N. Y. on July 16 to 19, 1969. Commander Hugh Stowers and Past Commander Harold Barkhuff had the privilege of representing Blanchard Post as delegates. Approximately 5,000 were in attendance.

The convention convened at 9:00 a.m. on July 17 in the Strand Theatre. After the customary ceremonies, greetings were extended by the mayors of Niagara Falls, N. Y. and Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, and the convention chairman. Reports were submitted by the Department Commander, Michael Kogutek, the Department Treasurer, the Credentials Committee and Resolutions Committee. An Americanism presentation was made by the Commander to the *Reader's Digest* for the distribution of millions of American Flags to the citizens of the United States. Lieutenant Governor Malcolm Wilson, who is also a Legionnaire, was the principle speaker of the day.

After recess for the day, a caucus of the Third District was held at Schrafft's Motor Inn. Following routine business officers for the coming year were elected and installed. Elected were Ralph Melion as District Commander and John McKenna, Fort Orange Post, as Vice Commander.

At 9:00 a.m., July 18, the session was reconvened. Several committee reports were given and awards presented by Department Membership Committee, Boy Scouts Committee and Bowling Committee. An address was given by the Hon. Henry P. Smith, III, member of the House of Representatives (40th District). Probably the highlight of the convention was the presentation of SACLANT/NATO Briefing Team by Admiral Ephriam P. Holmes, U.S. Navy, Supreme Allied Commander—Atlantic. Speakers included the Admiral, and representatives of the Royal Navy, Royal Netherlands Navy, Canadian Air Force, Italian Navy, Portuguese Air Force, the Royal Norwegian Navy and Canadian Navy. Each spoke on their respective parts in the NATO Atlantic Command. The presentation was the first of its kind to be given and, with the use of charts, made it most interesting. The session recessed for the day and reconvened at

9:00 a.m. July 19.

After further committee reports, an address was given by the Governor of 1969 Boys' State. The convention was visited by Mrs. John Mazzie, Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary who presented a \$5,000 check to the Legion for rehabilitation. The principle speaker of the day was Hon. Martin McKneally, member of the House of Representatives (27th District) and Past National Commander, the American Legion. Presentations were made to the retiring commander, followed by the election of Department officers.

Commander — Richard M. Pedro, Owego, Tioga Co. Vice Commanders — Joseph Keppler, Suffolk Co.; William J. Votraw, Clinton Co.; John Glegota, Erie Co.; Daniel J. Pinsky, Bronx Co.; and Robert Johnston, Tompkins Co.

Friday evening was the convention parade which took over two hours to pass. Saturday was devoted to competition of bands, color guards and drill teams as well as Junior Drum Corps. In the evening, finals of the competitions and awarding of prizes took place.

Among resolutions approved were: Urge the National Organization to adopt a program of "Stamps for Hospitalized Veterans" on a national scale. Request Congress to enact federal legislation to eliminate Social Security as income for V.A. pension purposes. Petition the Legislature of the State of New York to amend Section 148 of the General Municipal Law so as to provide funds for the burial of indigent veterans and/or their dependent in the amount at least equal to that provided under Section 141 (\$500) of the Social Services Law.

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## SPECIAL BULLETIN: BOYS' STATE SCHOLARSHIP

This just concluded Boys' State session was held during the GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, and DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT MAURICE STEMBER felt that we should do something outstanding for the young men of this session. He therefore, proposed a one-time \$4,000.00 college scholarship for the outstanding boy of the 1969 program. The Board of Directors of Boys' State of New York unanimously adopted this proposal at their meeting at Morrisville on June 26, 1969. That evening at Boys' State Inauguration of Officers, the DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MICHAEL J. KOGUTEK, announced the Scholarship Award to the assemblage and it was most enthusiastically received.

Since that time several inquiries have been received as to who was awarded the scholarship. PLEASE NOTE THAT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS ONLY ARE QUALIFIED TO ATTEND BOYS' STATE. Therefore, the outstanding boy coupled with eligibility cannot be selected until late in his senior year, which means late in the spring of 1970. GEORGE A. MEAD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS, is the Chairman of the Committee to select the two outstanding boys for Boys' Nation. It is this same committee who will make the selection for the Scholarship Award. The award will not be made to a young man who has been awarded other full scholarship or scholarships. He must be accepted and admitted at a duly accredited college or university. The scholarship monies will be paid to the college or university direct at the rate of \$1,000.00 per year for tuition, books, fees, etc. The scholarship ceases for dropout or failure to return each fall except for medical reasons. All these qualifications were adopted by the Board of Directors. As we said above this is a one-time grant to signify the 50th Anniversary of The American Legion, Department of New York.

### Sports Day

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

TUESDAY, September 16—Blanchard Post Auxiliary meeting.

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## Book Covers Again This Year

Commander Stower 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.

### Joshua Salem

There once lived a man  
With a magic touch  
And powers bestowed at birth.  
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As he was known to be called,  
Could create a storm,  
Or stop a flood  
With a snap of his fingers  
Or a wink of his eye.  
He could build a house  
Or grow a forest  
Just by waving his hand.  
But Joshua Salem  
Disliked machines  
And automation made him cringe.  
The world was full,  
He knew too well,  
Of what was made by man.  
So he waved his hands,  
And winked his eyes,  
And snapped his fingers,  
And cried in a powerful voice,  
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## 20-WEEK DINNER & DANCE

During August the 20-Week Dinner and Dance was held at our Post Room. Although our quarters were a bit cramped, everyone managed to have a nice time, thanks to the fine music of Francis Murphy and band plus the many great songs by the one and only Jerry Romano (with that group how can you miss?) Let's all hope we see more of Jerry and Francis in the future. Of course, let us not forget the wonderful, but hard work done by our members, which includes Bob Getner (chief cook), Hank Kindberg, Phil Giacconi, Gus Williams, Joe, Gayle and Jim Cummings, Hugh Stowers (Commander), Ed Korp, Tip Nelson and Phil Lee.

Special thanks should be given to a member who worked very hard each and every day of the 20 weeks for two two years as chairman. This is Merwyn Atwood. The members cannot thank him enough for what he contributed and his hard and long hours of keeping everything in order—wow, what a difficult job. Also his wife Eleanor should be complimented for her patience and help. Again Merwyn and Eleanor, thank you from all of us.

John Ennis will now take over the new 20-Week Club. Look him up and get your new book. Good luck John—we need it and you.

Special thanks to Hank Voorhees for donating the air conditioners and Al Greenwood for our building fund (which the 20-Week Club supports), also Bill Campbell and Fred Grasser working at the pump (bar). Let us all hope that the next 20-week party will be held in our new Post building.

## News

There will be one more affair at the Post Rooms held sometime in October. It will probably be a farewell party to our old Post and a good luck party to our new Post Rooms. It should be quite a shindig, so let's make it a point to be there.

Don't forget, music again every Friday night at the Post with entertainment by John Ronnilucci. Also, as usual, Art Quinn and his wife Helen will be serving (selling) quite an array of sandwiches, hot and cold, for your pleasure.

## MR. BLANCHARD POST

This is about a fine member of our Post who should be referred to as "Mr. Blanchard Post" because of all the great work, decisions and responsibilities attributed to him. Of course, it's none other than Harold Barkhuff.

To inform our members of what Harold has done, let's go back some into the history of his career.

Harold enlisted with the N. Y. 27th Infantry Division in WW 1, and in WW 2 held a very important job in Washington Intelligence at the Pentagon.

When Harold moved in our area, during the thirties, he joined our Post and was the first to organize our Drum and Bugle Corp. Later in 1941 Harold was elected as Commander of Blanchard Post, and for the past nine years he has been chairman of the Board of Directors (which entailed many, many decisions).

Harold resigned this year as chairman of the Board. However, he is still active as delegate to the County American Legion, and also a good thing to remember, Harold is still very busy at the Veteran's Hospital as representative for the American Legion. Should you ever need any assistance getting to the VA Hospital (we hope you don't), call on Harold—you'll be glad you did.

We know Harold didn't care to have all this put in print, but you can believe this: it is only a very, very small appreciation for a very big man who did so much for our Post.

THE EDITOR

## Thank You Note

Dear Mr. Stowers,

I would like to offer my thanks to the entire membership of Blanchard Post, especially Mr. Lee, Mr. Atwood and Mr. Butman for enabling me to spend a truly enlightening week at Boys' State. I assure you that the American Legion conducts a truly worthwhile program that is educational and enjoyable. Throughout our state there are nearly one thousand boys who will be better citizens because of Boys' State. I thank you for allowing me to be one of them. Please convey this message to the membership of Blanchard Post.

Yours truly,  
James D. Kelly

## FAMILY PICNIC

There was fun and good eats (beer too!) for all who attended the Third Annual Picnic held at Sunny Acres on Sunday, August 3. Phil Lee, who was chairman of the event, did a fabulous job along with his team of workers—Bill Campbell, John Ennis, Bob Gentner, Hank Kindberg, Ed Korp, Gus Williams and Hugh Stowers. Sid Kaplan was also on hand to help Hugh grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Ann Lee and wives of workers also helped to make the day a success. There was swimming and games and prizes and everyone had a great day; main attraction being the steaks which were cooked to perfection!

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## Can We Wave The Flag Too Much?

BY SIDNEY L. DeLOVE

Is it possible to wave the flag too much? Provided, of course, that you wave it with integrity? Is it possible to study Lincoln or Shakespeare too much? Is it possible to read the Bible too much ★ The great, the good, the true, are inexhaustible for inspiration, example and strength. I believe that we are not waving our flag enough, not nearly enough ★ It seems to me that we are developing a tendency to be timid or even apologetic about waving the stars and stripes. Walk up and down the streets on July 4th and count the flags. It is our nation's birthday, a sacred day in world history, the most important day of America. Why isn't the flag flying on every rooftop and from every home and building? The complacent attitude is strong evidence of cancerous patriotic decay. The flag is a symbol of our national unity. It is the spirit of our undying devotion to our country. It stands for the best that is in us . . . for loyalty, character, and faith in democracy ★ Isn't our flag a synonym of the United States of America? Does it not represent man's greatest, noblest, most sublime dream? Is it not the zenith of achievement, the goal to which generations have aspired ★ Ladies and gentlemen, I believe it is time for us . . . for the mad, rushing Twentieth Century America . . . to stop for a moment and think. Let us arrest our near reverential admiration of material success and return to the spiritual and ethical values. Let us imbue and rekindle in ourselves and our children the so-called old fashioned way of patriotism, a burning devotion to the principles and ideals upon which our country was founded ★ Should not every home own and proudly display the colors on holidays and other such occasions? Isn't the flag Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Franklin, Washington, Nathan Hale, Gettysburg and Valley Forge, Paul Revere, Jackson and other great men and women who have given us our heritage. When you look at the flag can't you see the Alamo, Corregidor, Pearl Harbor, The Monitor, The Merrimac, Wake Island and Korea? Lest we forget, isn't the flag Flanders Field, Iwo Jima, Bataan, Normandy, Babe Ruth and Davy Crockett? The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag ★ It is a symbol of this blessed nation, a giant in industry, education and commerce. Millions of fertile square miles, wheatlands, coal mines, steel plants. Our great republic, the chosen infant destined to be man's last and remaining hope for suffering humanity, a shining beacon of light, noble and glorious, the haven for the oppressed and persecuted and truly God's gift to mankind ★ That is what the flag means to me. Can we wave it too much? I don't think so.

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