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SEPTEMBER 1974

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The way it is with New Orleans, there are so many things that come to mind, like jazz and a country boy named Louis Armstrong who played with a small combo at a local New Orleans club in 1921 and later joined, in 1924, the forerunner of all the great swing bands, the superb Fletcher Henderson orchestra. Whether we have memories of Preservation Hall or Antoine's or Brennan's or Rampart or Bourbon streets, please note on your calendar the date and time of "New Orleans Nite." Plan an enjoyable evening at the Post's first dinner dance of the season.

New Orleans Nite is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28, starting with cocktails at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30 and dancing from 9 on. Tickets, at \$6.00 per person, are available from Art Quinn in the Lounge or from John Vogel. There will also be door prizes and a raffle.

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Congratulations to:

- · New officers and committee chairmen elected and appointed for 1974-75.
- ◆ Barbara Palmer and Marcia Turner who were elected Corresponding Secretary and Chaplain, respectively, for Albany County.
- Barbara Palmer, who won the first prize in the State for her essay on our adopted veteran, Charlie. The essay and the beautiful tray she won for our Auxiliary will be on display at the September meeting.

DUES ARE DUE: These are now \$4.50 per year. Membership Chairman Barbara Whitney will be on hand at the September meeting to collect same and issue new membership cards, or you can mail your dues to Barbara Whitney at 13 Oakwood Road, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. Make checks payable to the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Unit 1040. We are aiming to reach quota and all dues paid before December 1, 1974. We will need everyone's cooperation to make this aspiration a reality.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of our first Auxiliary President, Winnie Butler, who passed away this summer. Our sympathy to Marcia Rosenfield on the loss of her father.

Auxiliary participation in the Memorial Day parade was small but enthusiastic. Let's really get the gals out in '75! Our Auxiliary flag fell apart during the parade and we are in the process of purchasing a new one.

Barbara Palmer, Gloria Broom, May Smith, Carol Cummings and Ron Moess-



Pictured are Mrs. Chris Barkhuff who came on from Florida to install daughter Marcia as President.

ner helped make the Fourth of July celebration at the VA a big success. Our hats off to these girls!

DATES TO BE NOTED:

- On Sept. 17 our first meeting of the season will be held starting with a covered dish supper. After a brief business meeting we will enjoy a wine-tasting party. Ed Pierce, of the Hiram Walker Co., will show a movie on wines and then to the tasting!
- ♦ On Oct. 7 we are invited to attend the men's meeting and hear reports from our Girl's Stater, Debra Cohn and the Boy's Stater, Jim Trotta. We urge you all to come and hear these two fine young people. Make their time and effort worthwhile.

PATINA

15 years ago from the September 1959 issue:

"With thanks to the advertisers, Legion members and friends who made it possible, you are reading your first printed edition of your Post's publication."

Note: In that issue, the members were notified that a steak roast was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22. Clams, hot dogs, hamburgers, chowder, a complete steak dinner, beer, softball, horseshoe pitching, 101 raffle, cards, door prizes and good fellowship were offered for a package price of \$5.75.

10 years ago from the September 1964 issue: "A busload of Blanchard Legionnaires and their ladies went to the World's Fair on Saturday, Aug. 22.

"Footsore and weary, the busload of fair-goers arrived back at the Post at 12:45 a.m. Sunday) ready to go again to the next New York World's Fair about two decades hence!

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SUMMER CATCH UP

Congratulations to Ernie Gall and the Post baseball team which won the Southern Division but lost in the finals to Fort Orange. Ernie is optimistic about next year as the team only loses four players. Thanks to the members who supported the team.

Department delegates to the State convention at Niagara Falls on July 17-20, 1974, included Kenneth J. Burns, Robert J. Smith and Oliver H. Palmer and alternates Harvey Hasen and Alexander J. Woehrle. Initial reports indicated a successful trip and we will have more to follow on this in the October issue.

Vacationing Blanchard Post folks included: the Smiths, Bill McKeoughs, Jim Clearys, Ben Pearsalls, Fred Webers, Joe Bauhofers, Bill Segurs, Art Quinns and Bob Falumaros and families enjoying a bit of Cape Cod. The Bob Edwards, Jack Seligs and Phil Lees enjoying themselves on Lake George. Phil Lee also had a side trip to Paris and Rome. The Joe Cummings toured the World Expo and the Fred Grassers visited Oklahoma for a bit of WW2 nostalgic retakes. The Ken Burns lived it up at Wildwood.

On the mend after hospital sojourns are Guy Switzer, Guy Smith Sr., Belle Harris, Joan Stowers, Tom Hasselbarth.

Congratulations to Neal and Lynn Cummings and their new son, Derek.

In closing, remember: Get your tickets now for New Orleans Nite on Sep. 28.

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POST BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS

To the best of our knowledge, this will be the 29th season for the league which will begin on September 6, 1974. We are informed that the only charter member still bowling is GEORGE BUT-MAN. Good luck, George, and may you have many more seasons of fun, fellowship and good health.

All teams have been rearranged and the teams start the season only four pins apart in total averages. The officers are: Larry Monette, President; Henry Ristau, Vice President and Banquet Chairman; John Haker, Treasurer; and Milt Andre, Secretary.

There is a full roster of bowlers at the present writing but if anyone is interested in joining the league or having his name added on the Secretary's roster for full-time league bowling, leave your name with Art Quinn in the Lounge or phone Milt Andre at 434-6904. Please note that this same procedure is followed for filling in during the absence of one of the regulars for a week or two.

One drop-out from last season, GARY ROACH, moved to Texas for change of climate and employment. He has been replaced by BOB LA FORGE who filled in the better part of last season. There are some names on the waiting list now but they are handled on a first come, first served basis.

Heard rumors that our two "Bowling Joes," CUMMINGS and PAUQUETTE, were individually escorted home by one of the new "Blue and Golds" in order to safeguard all their winnings. Further, that our two bowling "Bills" have added

a new fourth dimension to their standing Friday night wagers. Understand that it is some deal on high triple for the night (Alwell and Campbell).

Haven't had any news from the ANG-LER'S MIXED LEAGUE who bowl on Sunday nights at Sporthaven. Understand the league is full and their banquet already reserved for next season. (For couples.)

A "thank you" from all Post league members and their wives to Chairman Ken Burns for the excellent job done on our annual banquet at La Casa. The evening was well spent—fabulous food, fun and fellowship—no gripes—enjoyed by all—to the extent that next year's banquet has been scheduled for MAY 10, 1975 at the same place. More later.

Milt Andre

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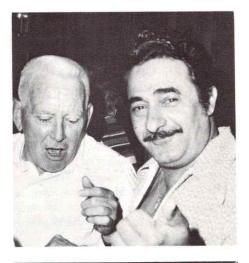
THE VIEW FROM THE BASEMENT

A columnist named Mr. X once wrote that another columnist, named Mr. Y, had a convulsion in his column the previous week. Mr. X commented that it was, by the way, a good place to have a convulsion, since no one was likely to notice anything unusual.

In the more peaceful confines of this column, however, we'd like to show you a few mini pictures taken while sauntering through the Lounge and we'll add on some mini comment here and there.

For openers, there are pictured below the affable Marion and Milt Andre. Milt will be covering the Post Bowling League for this publication and will replace the Gutter Duster whose number has been retired. The next picture gives us a first row, center aisle view from the dart board. The contestants out front are Mr. and Mrs. William Heyer and Mary La Fleur, for whom congratulations are in order, as later in the evening she was the 50/50 Club winner.

In the top right hand corner of page five of last June's issue there was a valedictory by Frank Futia reflecting his two years as editor of the 1040 TIMES. So, for the man who put in dozens of pictures of other people, here is one of Frank and fellow member, Tip Nelson.



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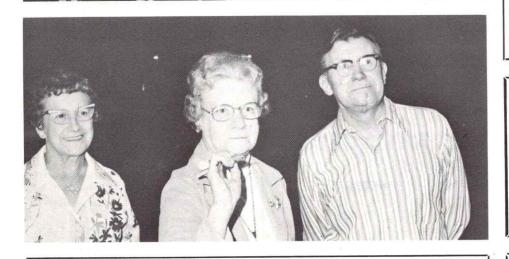
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In this issue we will focus on the Post Commander and plan to continue the coverage of other officers through the following months. Usually, because of tight space limitations, most printed introductory profiles sound like obituaries and one expects to find the calling hours on the bottom line.

Commander Kenneth J. Burns is, however, a real live person who was obviously born but the date is unimportant, a fact that is well known to those of us who are over 39. For the people who may have never met him, Ken is an amiable, literate, outgoing person but he is also an innately low key gent who gets

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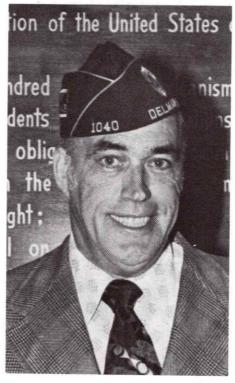
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Ken and his equally active and charming wife, Ruth, live in Delmar with their son, Michael, as does their daughter, Marie. Over the years the Commander has traversed the state, while plying the auditing trade in such diverse areas as Boonville and Manhattan. Most recently, he has been home based in Albany.

Although primarily an admirer of classical music, he is equally at ease in discussing the talents of Kirsten Flagstad or Ann Corio.

It is alleged that he is a bowler.

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The covers contain a non-denominational prayer composed by three American Legion chaplains: a Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and a Protestant minister.

We believe the distribution of these covers offer our children an opportunity to observe the American Legion in action through the medium of a typical community project.

As in past years, the book covers will be available at the Post Rooms on the lower level and at the following banks in the Delmar and Elsmere area starting Thursday, Sept. 5, the first school day: Both local branch offices of The Bank; the State Bank of Albany; the City and County Savings Bank; Bankers Trust; Union National; the West End Federal Savings & Loan (Mullen's Drug Store).

We will have much more to report regarding our participating in the town's observation of the national Bicentennial celebration of 1776. Blanchard Post is represented in the overall planning by William Johnston, Philip Lee, Robert Edwards, John Vogel, Sidney Kaplan, William Campbell and Charles O'Hara.

While the committee is charged with coordination and execution of our Post's program, it is anxious to receive ideas from the members concerning projects of historical significance. Please give your suggestions to any Post Committee member or leave them with Art Quinn in the Lounge.

Charles O'Hara

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