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NEXT MEETINGS FRIDAY DECEMBER 13th and 27th, 1957 8:30 P. M.

THE COMMANDER SOUNDS OFF NOVEMBER 9th PLAY PARTY

The Play Party we had at the Post was very successful in every sense of the word. Everyone that was there is asking if we are going to have another pretty soon. Even people who didn't attend are waiting for the next party date to be announced. We will have another after the holidays. Speaking of holidays, I hope you all had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Our next affair will be at the Post on December 21st about 1 P.M. It will be a Christmas Party for the children. Movies will be shown and gifts will be distributed by Santa Claus. Bring the kids down. I know they will have a good time. While the kids are enjoying the show, you'll get a chance to look over your post. Soon Christmas and the New Year holidays will be over and we'll be expecting to see more members come around. It would be very gratifying and stimulating to have the entire membership get behind its officers and lend a much needed hand in the efforts required to make a successful, united, and harmonious organization. This would react greatly to our credit in the minds of our friends and neighbors who look to us for leadership in the community. Such a response by the entire membership would result in a most successful drive for new members which is now in progress. If each member would enlist one new member, we wouldn't have any trouble reaching our quota.

Before I sign off, I would like to personally extend to you and yours
THE GOOD WISHES OF THE SEASON,
and may the coming Year be full of happiness.

Sincerely for the Legion,

Louis J. Somma

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COMMANDER

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN JOSEPH MILLER REPORTS:

Since the last edition of the K-G NEWS, the following members have sent in their dues as of the time this edition went to press:

BRUNO ZELSKI	WILLIAM COGAN	ROBERT WILLIAMS	CHARLES E. MOORE
PAUL ABERLI	JOSEPH LAWLESS	ALBERT WARN	FRANK GRENNIE
HANS DICK	CHARLES DiNAPOLI	JOSEPH MAKLARY	EDWARD VURTURE
BALDASSARE CAPITANO	SETH PACE	WALTER JOHNSON	ALBERT WILLIAMS
ANTHONY PIETRANGELO	JOSEPH DOUCETT	WINET STARK	EDWARD EVANS
FRANKLIN AFFERTON	JEFF JENNETTE	JOHN STANLEY	CHARLES ROEHRIG
GUISEPPE FERRARA	HENRY LITINSKY	ALFONSO DINTINO	MARIO PETOSA
DANIEL LOMANGINO	WILLIAM KNORR	CHESTER SMITH	LEON DUPRE
JOSEPH CIARDELLO	FRANK VARRIANO	DANIEL HORVATH	WILLIAM MEACHEM
ANTHONY D'AQUILA	NICHOLAS GUARINO	JOHN BLAZEK	JOHN KRAMER
J.HAROLD SPECKIN	WILLIAM ADAMS	LOUIS VASTOLA	ANTHONY MEGLIO
ROBERT CANAVAN	JOSEPH McKENNA	JACK CATALANO	JAMES CONNORS
FRANK PACE	FRED SCHACK	JOHN WOODLAND	DANIEL PIETRO
LAUREN CHAPMAN	JAMES CARLSON		

If your name has not appeared in last month's or this month's K-G NEWS, you are holding us up from getting 100% renewals in before the end of this year. You have had two notices, aside from the reminders here. TWO MONTHS HAVE PASSED AND TIME IS SHORT. WON'T YOU PLEASE GET YOUR DUES IN TODAY!!!

The second phase of our membership program gets underway full blast at this time. We are eager to enroll as many active new members as possible. We have made plans to canvass the entire Postal Zone 6 which is in the immediate vicinity of the Post. Those of you in that area may be asked to lend a hand. All members are reminded that they were sent an application to carry in their wallets with the expectation that some new members would be signed up in that manner. To date we have four new members and two reinstatements. Have you seriously looked around you for just one new member?? The membership committee will be glad to contact the prospective applicant, if you would prefer not to approach him. Just let the Membership Chairman, Joe Miller (GI 7-6964) know and it will be done.

THE CHRISTMAS SEAL With the 1957 Christmas Seal Sale, the Staten Island Tuberculosis and Health Committee continues its traditional campaign to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. Christmas Seals are an American tradition - symbolizing the gift of each one of us toward better health for the entire community.

Christmas Seal dollars help pay for low-cost chest x-rays; tuberculin testing program; health education; rehabilitation; and medical research

to help find an effective vaccine.

The cooperation of all members of KELL-GRENNIE POST is requested to help make the campaign a success.

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS \ / WHAT IS CHRISTMAS? It is a day upon which the world's most beloved baby was born in a manger in Bethlehem; it is a day of joy and gladness, a day on which we celebrate by singing carols, decorating our homes, feasting, exchanging gifts and gathering about the family hearth with the ones we love. The Christmas spirit is eternal. It is our heritage from the past. Because of Christmas we have jolly St. Nicholas (Santa Claus), Christmas trees, our favorite poem "The Night before Christmas" and that best loved Christmas Hymn "Silent Night". It is a time for remembering the full meaning of Yule time in the terms of "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

THIS AND THAT - FROM YE EDITOR

Congratulations to Past Commander Ed Curry on his recent election as City Councilman...also to Vice Commander Ray Swanson for receiving his certificate of Construction Inspector with the New York State Labor Department, after a three week safety course at Cornell University...It cost Joseph Lawless \$5.00 for not being present at the Nov.8th meeting; James Connors lost \$10.00 by not being present at Nov.22nd meeting; Who will lose \$15. by not being present at our December 13th meeting????...P.C.Leo Dupre is back from Mt. McGregor Rest Camp with a nine pound gain in weight and is raring to go... What is so attractive about Indian Lake that prompts Frank Grennie to buy another cabin right next door to the one he recently sold???... Understand Mike Colandrea, Lou Somma and others have been hunting. What! NO DEER? ...Mike Bilotti's son, Michael Jr. is now enjoying civilian status after a two-year hitch with U.S.Army in Northern Europe...Bill Knorr's 1st Anniversary Party of his opening the Swiss Chalet was a swell affair...The Post is presenting you with the enclosed decalcamania which you can attach to your car (not on windshield) or, if in business, attach to the window of your store or office. Let's all advertise the fact that we belong to the AMERICAN LEGION...

"What are you going to do if your boyfriend recognizes that as an old dress at the party tonight?"

"I'll just have to get out of it the best way I can!"

"My mother told me not to go out with a strange man but I did."

"What happened?"

"He certainly was strange. He didn't even try to kiss me!"

"If it wasn't for my rich girl friend's eyes, I would have married her."

"What did her eyes have to do with it?"

"She saw me kissing another girl and broke our engagement!"

YOUR SERVICE OFFICER SPEAKS

By Leo D'A. Balbach

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE... A veteran who desires to convert his National Service Life Insurance policy from a TERM plan to a PERMANENT Plan is reminded that the conversion is merely from one type to another type of Government policy. No commercial company is involved in a conversion of a Government policy as has been intimated by certain commercial insurance salesmen. Therefore, it is suggested that if you desire to convert your TERM policy to a PERMANENT policy that you contact me to effect such conversion, or for that matter, any other question regarding your Government insurance... If you hold a participating TERM policy you should investigate the advantage of changing such a policy to a PERMANENT Plan. The premium rate for TERM insurance is based upon the individual's age and becomes larger with each renewal when the term period expires. The average World War II veteran is nearly 40 years of age. As a consequence many veterans would benefit financially by converting to a PERMANENT type of policy as under the PERMANENT type of policy the premium rate at your age at time of conversion will thereafter remain the same. Contact me for further details.

EDUCATION Veterans who are at least 21 years of age and residents of New York State are eligible to take tests to earn NYS High School Equivalency Diplomas. The five tests in the series include exams in Social Studies, Correctness and Efficiency of Expression, Science, Literature and General Mathematics. The tests are held several times a year. Applications and dates of tests in this area may be obtained from Curtis High School....
A veteran is eligible to complete a USAFI correspondence course after discharge from active service if he is enrolled in such course while in active duty. Nine months is permitted from date of discharge to complete the USAFI course....

THE GI BILL PROVIDES THAT AN APPLICANT FOR TRAINING WILL BE DISAPPROVED if the applicant is already qualified for the job he proposed to learn in the course of training. He will be considered a qualified worker if at any time in the past he has been employed as a full-fledged workman in the trade for which he requests training. He will also be considered qualified if he has previously completed a course in a school, an apprenticeship course, or a course of on-job-training which qualified him for the job objective he makes application for...

DEATH COMPENSATION... The income of widows who receive VA death Compensation or Indemnity benefits does not effect their entitlement to these payments. These benefits are paid only if the serviceman or veteran died from a condition connected with his service in the armed forces. Some misunderstanding arises from time to time in this regard because the income of widows in receipt of VA death Pension whose husband died of non-service-connected causes does have to be reported.