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OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED MAY 6

GALA SPRING ASSEMBLY SLATED FOR APRIL 20

The annual Spring Assembly to be held in the Candlelight Room on Saturday, April 20, will herald the end of the Lenten season and promises to be a sparkling affair.

There will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served at 9 P.M., with dancing afterward to the music of the Rhythm Lads.

Reservations should be made immediately as it is limited to 70 couples. Ernie Staudenrayer and Dick Ward were appointed as co-chairmen but due to Dick's illness, Bill Paradee is assisting Ernie with the burden. Contact Ernie at HA 9-3163 or call the Post (NO 5-3889) any evening.

Easter Sunrise Service Set For Locustwood At 6:00 A.M.

An inspiring Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday, April 14, at 6 A.M. in beautiful Locustwood Memorial Park, under the auspices of various veterans' organizations including the Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester Counties American Legion and their Auxiliaries.

The speaker will be Major David Johansson, Regimental Chaplain of the 3rd Training Regiment, Fort Dix, who served as a line officer during World War II following graduation from Upsala College, in 1941. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., in 1952 and attended the Army Chaplains' School thereafter.

The program will include special instrumental and vocal music. H. Henry Hildebrand, baritone soloist, will also lead the singing of Easter hymns, with Mrs. Charlotte S. Lilley at the console organ. A brass quartet from Haddon Township High School will play two numbers, "Chorale for Sunrise" and "Resurrection Hymn."

The benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Fred Brooke, Camden County Legion Chaplain.

WARNING!

LAST CALL FOR DUES

Are your 1963 dues paid? This will be the last issue of the "Scoop" or any communication from Post 372 which you will receive until those 1963 dues are paid.

We are mandated by the national constitution of The American Legion. Anyone not paying his current dues by February 1 is delinquent and by April 1, he is suspended from all privileges of the Post, except the privilege of reinstatement.

So, get that \$7.50 to Senior Vice Commander Carl Degioanni, membership chairman, immediately or you will be suspended from all Post and Trophy Room privileges!

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 14—Easter Sunrise Service, Locustwood Memorial Park, 6 A.M.
Breakfast at Post 372 following.
- 15—Social Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 18—County Committee Meeting, Post 94, Clementon, 8:30 P.M.
- 20—Spring Assembly, Cocktails 9 P.M., Dancing 'til 2 A.M.
- 22—Executive Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 25—County Auxiliary Meeting (Nomination of Officers), Post 398, Elm, 8:30 P.M.

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY
7:45 P.M.

All members, their families and friends are urged to attend this non-sectarian service to emphasize the Legion's "For God and Country" program.

Breakfast Served at Post Home

Following the program, a ham and egg breakfast will be served in the Candlelight Room to the early risers. A donation of 50 cents will cover expenses.

Chaplain Johansson will be a guest at breakfast of Past Department Commander Frank A. Mathews, Jr., who is in charge of arrangements for the service.

ALL MEMBERS URGED TO CHOOSE CAREFULLY

County Comdr. Huhn to Install
Officers Sat., May 11;
Dance to Follow

Officers and Trustees were nominated at the regular meeting on Monday, April 1st. Nominations will be closed prior to election at the meeting on Monday, May 6.

This is your opportunity to elect men of your choice for the offices you think they are best qualified to hold. Your officers urge you to come out and express your opinions.

In addition to a Commander, three Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Historian, and Sergeant-at-Arms, there are to be elected five Trustees.

Those elected will be installed by County Commander John R. Huhn III and his staff on Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 P.M. The families and friends of both Post and Auxiliary members are invited to witness the ceremonies and attend the dance to follow.

FLASH

LATE NEWS BULLETIN

The following have been nominated for the various offices:

Carl Degioanni and Allen Freyman, for Commander; Ernest Staudenmayer, Senior Vice Commander; John R. Huhn III, 1st Junior Vice Commander; Charles Porter, Maurice Boyle and James Gallagher, 2nd Junior Vice Commander; Raymond Harding and Gallagher, Finance Officer; Herbert Schloo, Historian; Alexander R. Willey, Chaplain; and Edward "Bud" Snyder, Robert Thomas and James Guarino, Sergeant-at-Arms.

For Trustee (five to be elected): Robert Moyer, Raymond Ward, Luce Burrell, Raymond Goffinet, John Huhn, Richard Ward, Arthur Erdman, Schloo, Boyle, Staudenmayer, Snyder, and George Watts.

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RANDOM THOUGHTS PRIOR TO ELECTION

Post 372 has suffered through lack of interest of its members in electing qualified, dedicated men, who have the time, the knowledge of Legion programs, the diplomacy and the leadership ability, to fill the various offices.

This must not be allowed to continue or our Post will deteriorate further. Instead of becoming one of the best, most active Posts in Camden County, for which we certainly have the potential, we will continue on our mediocre way, fulfilling few Legion programs well, failing to be a shining example of service to our community, leaving much to be desired in the way of good fellowship and *esprit de corps* among our members.

It's up to you!

APRIL IS CHILD WELFARE MONTH

For the 25th consecutive year, April is being celebrated as Child Welfare Month by The American Legion, as a means of giving special emphasis to one of our major year round programs.

The American Legion's Child Welfare programs were first formed on the battlefields of France during World War I where shared dangers and hardships created a deep sense of responsibility for the children of fallen comrades.

In 1925 a National Child Welfare Division was established at national headquarters in Indianapolis. Since then expenditures by the Legion and its associated groups have been in excess of 180 million dollars. About 50,000 volunteer child welfare workers take part annually in the program.

After World War II, the National Child Welfare Commission recognized the need to place added emphasis on sound public programs for all children in order to fulfill the purpose of guaranteeing care and protection to children of veterans—"A Square Deal for Every Child," became its motto.

The program has evolved into a universal awareness of the great importance attached to the preparation of America's future citizens and leaders to face the physical demands and spiritual challenges which will confront them in the increasingly complex world of tomorrow.

During 1963, the Legion's Child Welfare program is keyed to the theme—"Challenge of Change." Recognizing that today's younger generation is challenged by some of the greatest political, social, technological, and economic changes in the history of man, the Legion is stressing that the survival of these youngsters and the perpetuation of our American heritage require that today's youth be armed with a sound, basic system of moral values.

While The American Legion realizes that the improvement of conditions for all children has required the meeting of the physical needs of a particular moment—food, clothing, shelter, medical care, etc.—there is an even greater need for strengthening their spiritual armament as preparation for the inevitable challenge which awaits them.

America's future is staked on the 70 million youngsters of today. Recognized as a pioneer of much of the modern concepts of present-day child care, The American Legion—as an organization of the veterans of the Twentieth Century's three great wars—is confident that a truly better tomorrow awaits these youngsters if today's adults will lead them in the way of acquisition of sound moral values which have withstood the "challenge of change" through the ages.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
A PRAYER FOR FAITH**

God grant that I may never be,
A scoffer at eternity
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**NEWS OF THE
AUXILIARY**

At the last meeting of Unit 372, it was decided to hold only one meeting a month—on the first Wednesday and to return to the custom of having refreshments and a social hour following the business meeting. President Dea Miller urges the members to make a special exert to attend. Wives, mothers welcome.

and sisters of Post members will be The Unit is sending four girls from Cherry Hill High School and four from Camden Catholic High School to County Government Day which is being sponsored by the Camden County American Legion, its Auxiliary and the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Monday, May 13, for students from the Sophomore class in Camden County high schools.

A donation was made toward the purchase of a projector for Ancora State Hospital, and poppies were ordered for Memorial Day.

Two members from the unit are selling food, sodas and coffee at the Bingo games on Thursday night. More volunteers for this chore would be welcome.

Due to lack of time, Fay Ward resigned as Secretary and Margaret Clements accepted the appointment.

President Dea, accompanied by Past President Florence Williams and Thelma Lewun attended the March meeting of the County Auxiliary.

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SCUTTLEBUTT

St. Patrick and the Legion enjoyed a gala birthday celebration with a really bang-up party thanks to Jim Gallagher and Russ Running . . . Speaking of St. Pat, had a nice letter from one of his favorite daughters, Catherine Klady, telling us of her activities. Says she and George may be up sometime this summer. George is Sergeant-at-Arms of the World War I Barracks there. He had good training with Post 372 for the job . . . Also had another letter from Marty and Walt Keane. It would wear you out just to hear of their many activities now that they're retired. Walt has been endorsed for District Senior Vice Commander of his WW I organization. They are enjoying Florida and love it, but say they have never lost interest in 372's welfare and that "Our hearts are there." They want to know as soon as possible the date of our Awards Dinner this year. Anybody hear?

Sorry to report that Dick Ward had a heart attack and is in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. He is already missed around the Post and we understand he'll be resting for several months.

Wonderful to see a larger turn-out for nomination of officers than at our other meetings lately and to see so much interest shown in the nominations . . . Maybe this heralds a renaissance of Post 372.

Sort of childish of Carl to get himself quarantined but it must have been a nice rest . . . Now that it's over, it's good to see Flo out to Auxiliary meeting again . . . Also, Angie—she looks great after her operation . . . Hear Florence Williams is feeling fine now, too . . . But Al Willey tells us that Marj is still not feeling up to par. Let's all say a prayer that she's better soon.

In addition to Win and Jack, the Goffins, the Boyles, the Erdmans, and Commander Sid attended the County Dinner-Dance. Russ Running on the trumpet joined the Rhythm Lads and the music was terrific. Understand Russ is being called "Fat-Lips" after playing for both Jack's cocktail party before the dinner and for the dance. The master of ceremonies, County Vice Commander Norm McQuay, called the boys "Jack Huhn's Minstrels."

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Child Welfare Subject Of April County Meeting

Instead of a Child Welfare Conference on a beautiful Saturday during this month, the April meeting of the Camden County Committee will be devoted to the subject. It will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 8:30 P.M. at the home of Clementon Post 94, on Gibbsboro Road.

Dr. E. Preston Sharp, Executive Director of the Youth Study Center in Philadelphia, will speak on the subject of "Kids—What's Wrong With Kids Today?" Dr. Sharp is not only an expert on the subject but is an accomplished and witty speaker.

In addition to the delegates from the 38 Legion Posts who are expected to attend, all interested Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are welcome. Also invited are the County President of the Auxiliary, the Atlantic, Burlington and Gloucester County Commanders and Executive Committeemen, the County VFW Commander, the Petite Chapeaux of Solon 7 of the 8 and 40, the Chef de Gare of Voiture 40 of the 40 and 8, and their staffs of officers and members.

There will be no admittance charge or registration fee as the expense for the speaker is being met from the funds budgeted for the County Child Welfare Officer, according to Vice Commander Norman McQuay.

Follocing the meeting refreshments will be served by the host Post and the guests are invited to stay for a social hour. Be sure to attend this interesting meeting and bring your wives.

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As an old-fashioned Buddhist Atheist, this writer views the advertisement as rank discrimination and intends to call it forcibly to the attention of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai Brith. It gives no voice to Mohammedan Atheists.

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The 1963 American Legion Rehabilitation Seals have been mailed to each member of the Legion and the Auxiliary. The money contributed for these stamps goes to the department hospital committee to make life a little happier for the veterans hospitalized at the two VA hospitals at Lyons and East Orange, the two soldiers' homes at Menlo Park and Vineland, and the four state hospitals at Ancora, Trenton, Marlboro and Greystone Park.

While the Federal Government and the State provide the buildings and medical facilities, little provision is made for the personal needs of so many who cannot provide for themselves.

The hospital committee of the Legion and Auxiliary provides entertainment, card parties, ward parties, carnivals, clam bakes, dances, sports equipment, TV sets, distributes cigarettes, tobacco, writing paper, books, magazines, and many other items. At Christmastime each veteran patient is remembered with a gift.

A small loan fund is set up for patients who are able to leave the hospital to tide them over until their first pay checks are received, or who are permitted to go home for the week-end but do not have the bus fare.

These programs help the hospitalized veteran realize he is not forgotten. These contacts with the outside world contribute much to the morale of the physically convalescent and are of definite therapeutic value to the mentally ill, according to the superintendents of the hospitals.

Some of the contributions are used to supply additional service in our Service Office at the VA Regional Office in Newark where the workload is increasing daily. There the veteran, the widow and the orphan may avail themselves of the advice and assistance of our personnel who have their interests at heart, and devote their time and energy to secure their entitlements under the law.

Please make your contribution immediately so that the committee will be able to make plans for the coming year.

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FOR THE RECORD

Bingo Progressing

Bob Moyer, chairman, reports that Bingo is proving successful again. He could use a few more volunteers on Thursday nights and to help set up the room on Wednesday nights. Luce Burrell shows a modest profit each week in his books, but it needs to be built up more to be really worthwhile. Remember all of the profits from the operation go toward our Americanism and youth programs. We're not allowed to advertise the games to the public, so won't you help by telling your neighbors? The big prize now has built up to \$185. Why don't you bring the little woman out and let her play while you assist the committee?

Boy Statesmen Being Chosen

Art Erdman says Cherry Hill High School is in the process of choosing the eight boys from the Junior class whom we will be sending to Jersey Boys' State at Rutgers University the last week in June. We'll probably have the names for the next issue of the "Scoop."

County Government Day

We are sending four boys from Cherry Hill High School and four from Camden Catholic High School, which is now in Cherry Hill, to County Government Day on Monday, May 13. They will spend the day at the Court House in Camden learning the processes of our county government and will have luncheon at Kenney's.

Parade Positions

Parade positions and convention seating at the department convention is determined by the county membership on April 30th as compared to the average for the last four years. If you know of anyone who hasn't paid his dues or a new member you can sign-up, do something about it immediately. Let's help our own County Commander put Camden County over-the-top and at the same time do ourselves a big favor. For the last few years we've marched after dark at the tail-end of the parade. It isn't fair to our own fine Color Guard nor to the Royaleers Junior Drum and Bugle Corps which we sponsor. Let's march in daylight this year at Wildwood.

Because the National Convention is late this year, it again pushes our Department Convention back to a later

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day. It will be held in Wildwood, September 19-21, with the big parade on Saturday, September 21. Save part of your vacation for this. We always have a ball and learn about the Legion at the same time. This year it will be Jack Huhn's convention and he's planning an Open House at his headquarters. Sponsorship forms are in for our Post Color Guard, which will be carrying the County Colors this year, and for the Royaleers.

Legion College at Fort Dix

Anyone running for office in the Post who hasn't attended a session of The American Legion College at Fort Dix should certainly have his application in soon. It starts Friday evening, May 17, and ends on Sunday afternoon, May 19, and doesn't cost you a penny except your transportation there and back and any money you may spend in the evenings at the Officers' Club. You will learn about the history and programs of The American Legion from state and national officials and you will hear about the activities and problems of other Posts all over the state.

Fourth of July Report Due

We hope to have a report soon from the committee appointed last year to plan for a Fourth of July observance in 1963 for Cherry Hill. Bill Paradee and Whit Carleton were co-chairmen, assisted by Carl Degioanni, Ernie Staudenmayer, and Bud Snyder, with Art Erdman contacting the VFW.

Space Needed at Beverly

With burials at Beverly National Cemetery averaging 3,000 per year and only 9,000 plots unoccupied, the cemetery will reach capacity by the end of 1964. Provision for enlargement of the cemetery should be made now to prevent a serious situation developing three years hence. Congressman William T. Cahill is sponsoring HR 1994 to authorize the Secretary of the Army to obtain more land. This bill is presently in the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. County Commander Jack Huhn is asking you to write a letter or postcard to the chairman of this committee voicing your support. Address it to Hon. Wayne N. Aspinall, MC, 1324 Longworth House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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