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## Gala St. Valentine's Dance Planned For Feb. 23

### "For God and Country" Program To Be Feb. 10

The annual state-wide "For God and Country" program of the Department American Legion will be held at 3 P.M., Sunday, February 10, in the War Memorial Building, Trenton.

The Rev. Father Robert G. Keating, last year's National Chaplain, will be the principal speaker at this commemoration of the tragic sinking of the troopship S.S. Dorchester off Greenland, when four U.S. Army chaplains, two Protestant ministers, one Catholic priest, and one Jewish rabbi, went down with their arms linked in prayer.

They are credited with having saved the lives of more than 200 men by their calm, heroic action in guiding the troops to boxes of life jackets and at last, each one of them gave his own life preserver to a young soldier and told him to jump.

Every Legionnaire, his family and friends are invited to attend this inspiring program officially opening the Legion's year-round Religious Emphasis program which continuously stresses the spiritual foundations of the Nation's Freedom.

### AUXILIARY NEWS

#### UNIT 372 WILL SERVE SPAGHETTI ON FEB. 24

A spaghetti dinner will be served by the Auxiliary in the Candlelight Room from 3 to 6 P.M., on Sunday, February 24. Tickets will be available from any Unit member or in the Trophy Room. Come, bring the family and all your neighbors. Let's get mother out of the kitchen on Sunday.

President Dea Miller announces that regular meetings are being held at the Post home on the first and third Wednesdays each month and asks that more members attend.

Also, she reminds the Post members that their wives, daughters, mothers, and sisters are eligible to belong and invites them to attend one of the meetings and get acquainted.

### CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY

- 4—Post Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 6—Auxiliary Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 10—"For God and Country" Program, War Memorial Building, Trenton, 3 P.M.
- 11—Executive Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 18—Social Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 20—Auxiliary Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 21—County Committee Meeting, Post 17, Collingswood, 8:30 P.M.
- 23—St. Valentine's Party.
- 24—Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner, 3-6 P.M.
- 25—Executive Meeting, 8:30 P.M.
- 26—County Oratorical Contest, Post 38, Haddonfield, 8 P.M.
- 28—County Auxiliary Meeting, Post 94, Clementon, 8:30 P.M.

### "Scoop" Wins ALPC First For Third Straight Year

The "Scoop" placed first in the letter-press division of Group One (posts of less than 250 members) for the third consecutive year in the annual contest held by the American Legion Press Club of New Jersey.

Win Huhn, the editor, received a citation and an onyx desk set with a mechanical calendar, a Schaeffer pen, and an engraved brass plate attached to it at the annual awards dinner held at North Trenton Post 458 on January 12th.

This year the judges were professional newspaper editors rather than college journalism professors and their students as in past years.

In the Pen and Ink contest for one article of original writing by a Press Club member which appeared in either the public press or a post publication, an editorial from the "Scoop" placed second.

The only other Camden County paper winning an award was "The Legion Salute" of Oaklyn-Battlewood Post 84, which placed second in the same group as the "Scoop."

Winner of the Lewis M. Herrmann Trophy for the best paper in all groups went to the "Gibraltar Journal" of Post 326, Newark.

### Make Your Reservations Early; Ray Harding Is Chairman; Rhythm Lads To Play

Our St. Valentine's Dance will be held in the Candlelight Room on Saturday, February 23, with Ray Harding in charge. The Rhythm Lads will play for our dancing and listening pleasure.

Being our first big party since New Year's Eve, a sell-out is anticipated. As the number will be limited, you should make your reservations early so as not to be disappointed. Tickets will be available in the Trophy Room.

Not many details are available as we go to press, but Ray and his committee are planning some surprises. So, do come and bring your sweetheart. Remember, this is the last Saturday before Lent, so make it your big Mardi Gras fling.

### SELIGMAN TO SPEAK ON JEFFERSON & OUR TIMES AT FEB. SOCIAL MEETING

We are fortunate to have one of the most accomplished and interesting speakers in the area as a guest at our February Social Meeting on Monday, the 18th, at 8:30 P.M.

Sylvan I. Seligman, President of Camden Realty Co., speaking under auspices of Rutgers University, will bring us the story of "Jefferson and Our Times." In addition to his speech, he will have a recording which he will interrupt with personal comments. The recording was prepared by the Fund for Adult Education which is sponsored by Rutgers and other Universities.

Warren Wynkoop, who secured the speaker with the good-offices of Buck Adler, one of our newer members, says that you are welcome and, in fact, urged to bring guests. Let's have more than the handful of loyal members who usually find time to attend our meetings.

BINGO STARTS FEBRUARY 21

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## SLIPPING ON THE PEEL

In these days of tension, overwork and worry, the world owes something special to the people who slip on banana peels. Eastern Banker asks a special love and tolerance for Linda Jane Hinchman, freshman at Colorado Women's College, Denver, who while taking a bath, decided to find out if her toe would fit in the faucet. It did. It fitted so snugly it took a hacksaw, petroleum jelly, five firemen and four policemen to free her. It was a very, very happy Christmas for the police and fire departments of Denver.—From "Editor's Ear" in the Eastern Banker.

## WALT KEANE RECEIVES WWI LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Walt Keane, one of Post 372's most valuable members, lost to the Palm Tree Out-post of 372, has been presented with a Life Membership in the Veterans of WW I organization by the Ridgewood, Florida, Barracks 2533, at a dinner where he received his past commander's pin. Walt helped to found Barracks 2533 soon after retiring to Florida and served for two terms as its first commander.

Under his able leadership the membership increased each year, first 120 members, then 132, and already 164 for 1963 before last Veterans' Day, first over-the top for the past two years. It's been a family co-operation with Marty, as President of the Auxiliary, increasing each year also.

Incidentally, Walter tells us that 20 former Legion members from New Jersey are in his Barracks, including, of course, our own George Klady and Jay McManus of 372, Past Camden County Commanders Ed Gray, of Audubon, and Al Davis, of Haddonfield, and Jake Bozzart and Floyd Crispin from Haddonfield Post 38.

Walt, himself, is Past Camden County Commander and a Past New Jersey Department Vice Commander. We really lost a dedicated worker and a Legionnaire of experience when he retired to the Sunshine State.

Good news is that Walt and Marty hope to get up to our Awards Dinner in June, as Walt rates a 45 year card and pin and would like to be here to receive them in person. He says that all he needs is the necessary "moola," but knowing Walt we're sure he can just take a little out from under the mattress.

## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

Speaking at the annual Middle Atlantic Area Child Welfare Conference of the American Legion and its affiliated organizations held recently, Richard W. Mendelhall of the U. S. Department of Labor, asked the help of the American Legion in solving, at the community level, what Justice Arthur Goldberg has called "the most dangerous social condition in America," the mounting problems raised by the large numbers of youths who end their education without finishing high school.

The magnitude of the school drop-out problem is staggering. Some 2.5 million of the 10.8 million students now enrolled in grades nine through twelve in the nation's public and private schools will depart before graduation.

In most states youngsters are free to quit school when they reach the age of 16, and many of them give no thought to the fact that steadily advancing technology is lifting job requirements and making it more difficult for unschooled youths to earn a living. The unemployment rate for people with less than a high school education has been running around 8.5%, nearly double the rate for those with a high school diploma.

As more and more technical machines are installed in industry, the number of unskilled jobs are cut, and as positions are upgraded, it is found that there is a distinct shortage of people with the technological equipment to handle the jobs but a surplus of hundreds of applications from untrained people.

The problem reaches beyond the youths' own troubles. They often end up on welfare rolls and thus add to tax bills, and they add more than their share to the nation's crime bill.

Not only can we Legionnaires help with this problem by counseling the youths with whom we come in contact, but we should make our voices heard among our educators to the end that a certain amount of vocational training be made available for students obviously not destined for college. Schools must be expanded to include instruction in trades, with the aim of encouraging potential drop-outs to finish high school. Individual counseling of faltering students should be increased and possibly a system worked out for a program of part-time work in conjunction with continued school.

The youths who have already dropped and feel that they are beyond the age to return to high school, might be advised to enlist in one of the branches of the armed forces, which have many opportunities to attend fine technicians schools for those whose basic intelligence warrants it. Also, with some extra work, they can receive an equivalent to a high school diploma.

The American Legion has done much to raise the educational standards of this country by authoring the GI Bill of Rights, with its educational opportunities for veterans, and the Junior GI Bill for war orphans. For years it has worked with the National Educational Association toward improving our schools and toward encouraging the public to take a greater interest in them. Now, its members must take a hand in trying to stop school drop-outs, which is a terrific waste of our youth.

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**FOR THE RECORD**

Carlo reports membership at 189 for 1963 and thanks those who saved the Post 50c by getting their dues in before the end of the year when the national per capita tax was raised. Remember, if your 1963 dues aren't paid by February 1, you're delinquent.

**Bingo Begins Again**

The Bingo committee met and Bob Moyer, chairman, reports that everything is ready to go again. Regular games will start on Thursday, February 21, and will be held each Thursday thereafter beginning at 7:45 P.M.

**Post 372 Helped Santa Claus**

We entertained 78 less fortunate children at our Christmas party and you should have seen their faces light up when old Santa (Alan Smith) Claus distributed the gifts. With Al Willey leading, the rafters rang with Christmas Carols. Thanks to the Auxiliary members for the cookies and their assistance at serving, Charlie Porter for showing the movies, the Courier-Post for the song sheets, and the twins, Jill and Jackie Razanowski, for donating their own toys when we ran out.

From our donations for Christmas baskets we made up two well-filled baskets for families in Cherry Hill and delivered six shopping bags full plus money to the priest of the Puerto Rican parish in Camden where there was real need. This was the same parish which sent a bus load of nuns and well-mannered children to our Christmas party.

**Post 372's**

**Resolution to Department**

A resolution originating with Post 372 requesting that a monthly bulletin listing bills of interest to veterans which are scheduled to come up in the State Legislature be distributed to the Posts with a resume of each, its status, and the position of The American Legion on it, was considered by the Department. It was decided that the information will be distributed through the monthly Adjutant's Newsletter.

**State and National Conventions**

The National Convention this year will be held in New Orleans from September 9-12, forcing us to hold our Department Convention later again, September 19-21, probably at Wildwood. The counties are voting between Wildwood and Asbury Park, but the (Continued on Page 4)

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Due to lack of time, inability to attend meetings to get the news, and the absence of a modicum of assistance, the editor of the "Scoop" tendered her resignation to Commander Sid on December 17th.

Every Monday night the present editor has an obligation to the Naval Reserve and, since it seems that your officers and committee chairmen are shy about reporting what happens at your Monday night meetings, or giving any information as to their activities and plans, and also have a blithe obliviousness to deadlines, it is imperative that the new editor of the "Scoop" be free to attend all meetings.

Bill Walsh was almost set to take over, with the promise of assistance from the present editor, when his plans were changed because of his work and now he and Judy will be moving back to Pennsylvania.

It is important that the "Scoop" be continued. There are many of our members who have an interest in the Post and its affairs even though they cannot attend meetings. Without any news of the activities of Post 372, they might cease even paying dues. Also, in fairness to our advertisers who have paid in advance, we must continue publication or refund their money.

Is there anyone interested in taking the job? The present editor will be happy to remain on the staff and give all assistance possible. Please contact Commander Sidney Glynn. He'd like, too, to hear from anyone who will assist. It shouldn't be a one-man job.

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former seems to have it again.

**Camden County News**

The County Legion Oratorical Contest will be held at 8 P.M. on Tuesday, February 26, at Haddonfield Post 38, 419 Hawthorne Avenue. It will be well worth an evening to hear these High School students speak on the U. S. Constitution. You'll be amazed at their knowledge and their ability to present both their original prepared orations and their extemporaneous talks.

Be sure to make your reservations soon for the 23rd annual dinner-dance held jointly by The American Legion and its Auxiliary in honor this year of County Commander John R. Huhn III and County President Geraldine Hoffman. It will be held Saturday, March 9, at 6:30 P.M. at Schilling's Black Horse Farms. Commander Sid has tickets at \$3.75 each for a full-course roast beef dinner followed by dancing to the music of our own Five Rhythm Lads.

The Camden County Committee meeting at Post 17, Collingswood, on Thursday, February 21, will have as its guest, Major John O. Allison, USMC, who will discuss Southeast Asia and the Communist problem, encompassing the ethnic background, cultural heritage, religious and dissident groups of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, with particular emphasis on the current situation in Vietnam. Also, Post 17's state winning Ritual Team will perform in memory of the Four Chaplains. All Legionnaires are welcome at these meetings. If any delegate cannot attend, it is his duty to make sure that an alternate takes his place.

**DEPT. COMDR. RYAN IS POST 372 GUEST**

Department Commander Henry W. Ryan made his official visitation to Camden County when delegates from the 38 Posts in the county met, on Thursday, January 17, at 8:30 P.M., at our Post home. County Commander Jack Huhn presided.

An Army veteran of World War II, Commander Ryan served as a male nurse with the Combat Medics of the 41st Armored Infantry 2nd Armored Division in the European Theatre of Operations, being awarded, along with the European and American Theatre Campaign ribbons, five battle stars, the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Combat Medics Badge and the French Croix de Guerre. He is employed by the Internal Revenue Service as Revenue Officer assigned to collection and investigations at the Trenton office.

Commander Ryan spoke on his program for the year planned to increase New Jersey's participation in the various facets of American Legion service to the community, state and nation.

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Ernie Staudenmeyer almost did it—almost had a perfect bowling game—every ball a strike except for a spare in the third frame. His 277 high game will probably stand up. His team ended the first half with a tie for the division and won the roll-off against Post 94, Clementon. They weren't as lucky when they rolled-off with Thoirs 47, winner of the other division. Better luck next half. Our "A" team didn't do as spectacularly, but they have lots of fun. Why not come out and cheer them on every Friday night at the Erlton Bowl?

Art Erdman reports that the Junior Rifle Club made a nice profit on the holly they sold at Christmas time and left a lot of satisfied customers.

Wonderful to see Katherine and George Klady over the holidays—George said he got word in Florida that we needed help on the bar for our New Year's Eve party. (Let's send word oftener.) He must have heard that Allen Freyman was going to sneak away to New England and not get back. Ray Ward and Bill Rananowski did a great job, though.

Hal and Kay Heinrichs have moved again—this time to 842B 11th Street, Santa Monica, California. They say they sure are homesick for us, and that western hospitality isn't what it's cracked up to be. Hal visited a Legion Post, showed his 372 Legion card, but was told he wasn't welcome unless he was a member of that Post!

Jack Hansen, a former member of 372, died in Florida, and Walt Keane accompanied his body back to New Jersey. Our sympathies are extended to his family.

Congratulations to Jim Richardson, who is president of the N. J. State Physical Therapy Society this year. That's probably the answer to why we don't see much of him. Good food gets him out, though. He and his son were enjoying the oysters at the Auxiliary dinner.

Commander Sid's dad has been ill. Hope he's on the way to recovery by the time you get this.

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A program called "Operation Alarm," aimed against pornographic and obscene literature being sent through the mail to youngsters, was presented in the "Candlelight Room" on Monday, January 21, replacing our regular social meeting.

Invited to witness slides and photographs of some of the initially unsolicited literature being received by teen-agers of this area and to hear a commentator from the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Haddonfield on the subject, were all the men of the township. The program had the support of many of the clergy of Cherry Hill and several of the civic clubs.

The program, for men only, which also touched on indecent literature available to children at the newsstands in the area, was well attended and engendered much discussion. It has been proposed that the same program should be repeated for the women of the township, particularly the members of the PTA and civic associations.

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