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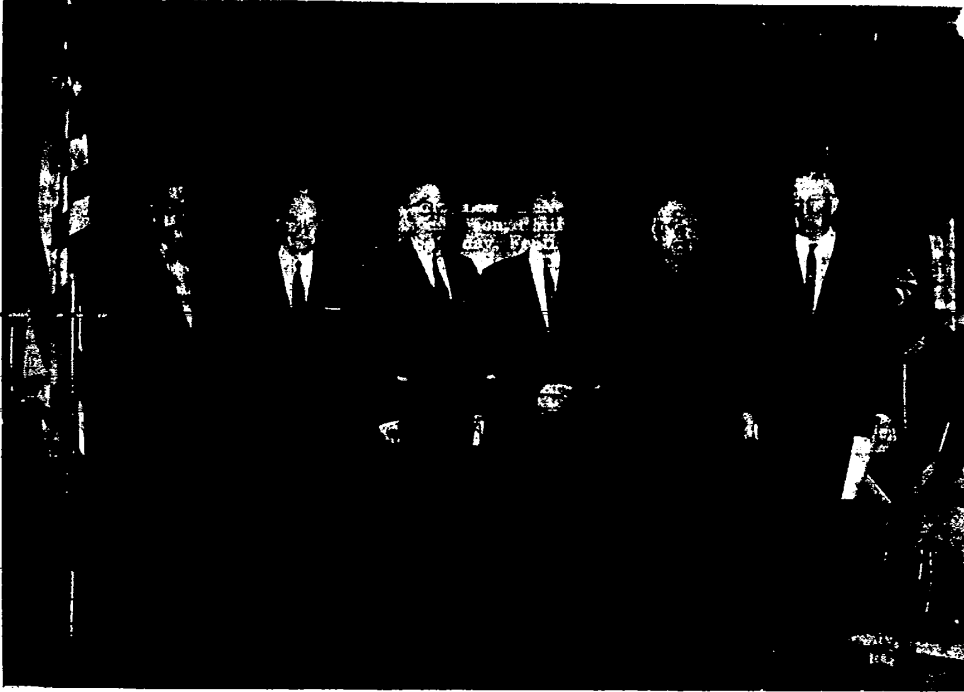
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Legionnaires receive 45 Year Continuous Membership Awards at the Annual American Legion Birthday Dinner. Left to right: Carlyle Myers, Leo Snyder, "Doc" Allen, Ray Snyder, Ralph Burgett and Fay Boyd.

American Legion Celebrates Its 45th Anniversary

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 entertained the local Legionnaires at their Annual Dinner Saturday, March 7th at the Legion Home.

About 45 Legionnaires, wives and children were present at the delicious Baked Ham dinner at tables decorated with flags and blue and gold candles, colors of the American Legion.

After the dinner Commander Jack Wheaton expressed his appreciation to the Auxiliary for the very fine dinner served. Jack then introduced the Officers of the Post who were all present: Ralph Burgett, 1st Vice Comm.; Leo Snyder, 2nd Vice Comm., and Finance Officer; Craig Snyder, Adjutant; Walter Gath, Sgt-at-Arms; Robert Baker, Chaplain and Carlyle Myers, Service Officer. Teresa McAndrew introduced the Officers of the Auxiliary who were present: Lois Wheaton, 1st Vice President; Cecile Ruger, Treasurer; Floye Lever, Secretary; Helen Boyd, Sgt-at-Arms; Melva Snyder, Chaplain; Nora Higby, Historian. Next all Past Presidents of the Auxiliary dating back to 1924 were recognized: Ila Snyder, Melva Snyder, Hazel Burgett, Reta Myers, Nora Higby, Jeanne Allen, Floye Lever, Cecile Ruger and Bessie Mulconery.

Craig Snyder then discussed the operation, programs and accomplishments of the local Post during the past year. The Child Welfare Programs of the Legion from April 1963 - March, 1964 are: April 1963, Boy's State Expenses \$38.00; June 1963 American History Prize \$5.00; August 1963 Children's Safety and Rodeo Program Prize \$5.00; Nov. 1963 Boy Scout Drive \$5.00; Dec. 1963 Needy children at school expenses \$15.00; and Jan. 1964 Oratorical Contest \$18.00.

Dianne Vars, winner of the local Oratorical Contest took a close second place in the County contest held in Friendship during January 1964. This marks the third year in succession that Andover has placed well in the County Contest and certainly much of this credit is due Mrs. Madeline Woodruff of the Andover Central School.

Mayor Paul Kilbane was introduced, who in turn expressed his appreciation and also commended the American Legion for their many vital programs, which have

contributed so much to the youth of Andover and other civic duties. Paul announced that two of the candidates for the coming Village Election were present, and introduced "Dick" Wittie and "Bob" Baker.

He then introduced the Village Trustees who were present at the dinner. Town Supervisor, Leonard Briggs was introduced who pledged his support to aid the Legion in the maintenance of their home.

At the 4th District Testimonial Dinner for National Commander, Daniel F. Foley of Wabasha, Minnesota held in Batavia on Feb. 25th, Allegany County received a Membership Trophy for first place in the 2nd Category of 91.18% of Quota by Feb. 15th. As of Feb. 25th, the 8th District stood first in Membership with 82.16% and Allegany County also at the top of all 62 Counties with 92.2%. The National Commander reported we have pending several matters of vital importance in the field of Americanism, including the subject of prayer in the public schools and the permitting of known Communists to speak on the campuses of our state supported colleges and universities.

The Legion has strong stands in both instances as we support a constitutional amendment that would permit prayer and Bible reading of a voluntary nature in our schools, and we are unalterably opposed to providing a public forum, cloaked in the aura of respectability accorded to the concept of academic freedom, on the campuses of our tax supported colleges and universities. He touched on all of the four main programs of the American Legion: Americanism, Rehabilitation, Child Welfare and National Security.

Dances held at the Legion Home during the past year, sponsored jointly by the Legion and the Chamber of Commerce were reviewed. The following Dances have been held: 22 Mar. '63; 18 Apr. '63; 31 Oct. '63; 8 Nov. '63; and 13 Dec. '63. In 1964: Jan. 11th; Jan. 25th; Feb. 8; Feb. 12; and Mar. 6th. These dances have been well attended lately and a Record Player has been purchased equally by the two organizations and the school children.

The Testimonial Dinner for Dept. Commander F. Herrick Congers, held at the Andover Central School, May 21, 1963 was reviewed.

At this time the Post Membership stands at 93 which is seven short of last year's total membership of 100. Our Post has until March 17th to hit this goal which

would make our Post eligible for the National Commander's Membership Citation for the fourth year in succession. Personal Appreciation cards from the Dept. Commander were presented to John R. Gavin and Membership Chairman Jack L. Wheaton for the 1963 Birthday Award.

All members present were reminded that Nominations for Officers of the year 1964-65 will be held at the April Meeting. Any changes or recommendations to the present slate of officers should be made at this time.

The highlight of the evening was the Presentation of Continuous Membership Certificates of the following groups by Commander Wheaton:

10 Years
Richard W. Biehl, Clarence L. Davis and Walter E. Strouse

21 Years
Francis E. Cable

45 Years
Earl J. Allen, Claire C. Backus, Fay E. Boyd, Ralph O. Burgett, Finla G. Crawford, Daniel H. Mulvahy, Carlyle D. Myers, Leo S. Snyder and Raymond O. Snyder.

Next year 14 World War II members will be honored for 20 years service. Also three World War I members will be honored for 45 years service.

Everyone present reported a very enjoyable evening, with hope that there would be more present next year.

In conclusion as members of the American Legion - For God and Country We associate ourselves together.

Copies Of Andover 1963 History Available

Mrs. Bessie Mulconery, Andover Historian, has announced that she delivered copies of the "Andover History For 1963" to the Village Office and Town Hall, Friday, March 6th and they are available free of charge to anyone wishing same.

Andover Rod & Gun Club Fox Hunt Successful

The Andover Rod & Gun Club would like to express their thanks to all who participated in the Fox Hunt Sunday. There was a good turn out, but due to weather conditions they were unable to get but one Fox.

If the weather permits, the Andover Rod & Gun Club will sponsor another Fox Hunt, Sunday, March 15th.

News That's Print To Fit

It was very refreshing to see recently in the news that the New York Times won its appeal to the Supreme Court in a libel suit that was nailed against them.

It upheld the Freedom of The Press, which decision, will go a long way towards protecting every Newspaper in this Great Country of Ours from having a ridiculous libel suit slapped against them for making an honest mistake without malice aforethought.

Spring—as far as the calendar is concerned—may be less than 2 weeks away, but Old Man Winter sure showed that he had a lot of life left in him yet.

The ice and sleet storm Monday night and Tuesday sure made the going really rough on traffic and was about the heaviest stuff to try and shovel that we've seen in a long time.

Down at the Silk Mill on Rochambeau Ave., the ice has been slowly sliding off the aluminum roof for several days, crashing to the sidewalk every once in a while which necessitated blocking the sidewalk on that side of the street to prevent pedestrians from getting popped on the noggin. The doggone stuff was so heavy that it even tore the exhaust pipes loose from the heaters inside the mill leaving gaping holes in the roof where they had been.

Along the same storm line, we understand that Edith was subjected to seeing flying objects in their package store on Main St., however they couldn't be classified as UFO (Unidentified flying objects) since she could see what they were as they went flying by.

It seems that when the ice came crashing off Wendell's roof next door, instead of landing in between the 2 buildings, it had enough momentum to bang into the side of the wall where racks of bottles are on display, thereby sending a few of them out into the air—and eventually the floor. Here's one instance, where nothing can be salvaged when the goods are damaged. Guess the expression "there's no use crying over spilt milk" would really apply here.

Before leaving the storm subject entirely, we noticed that Frank

was very busy all evening Tuesday night plowing the Streets during the Village Board Meeting. However we strongly suspicion that he won't get a Gold Star on his attendance record at the Board meetings for a while, as he was sick last month, and working this time.

Cheer up Frank, maybe the music will run down by next Board Meeting, and besides, one of your most ardent admirers (?) will be out of Office by that time.

Speaking of Board Meetings, we saw that what appeared to be a hastily called one going on in a parked car on Main St., near the Post Office yesterday morning with Trusty Charley and Hugh having their heads together and even looked as if they were conducting an investigation as they stopped a pedestrian and seemed to be asking him some questions. Wonder if they found out anything enlightening?

We also wonder if any secret Board Meetings, or what kind of meetings are being held in back of those closed Venetian Blind in the old Ryback store on Main St. We see some cars parked along on Main St., for hours on end so they must be having some real lengthy sessions at any rate.

We see that the lights were lit up on Main St., last night for the first time in nearly a week and are wondering "What happened?" Did someone cook up some real strong medicine at Tuesday night's Village Board Meeting or did the cold weather have something to do with it, or was it because John's sign on the friendly corner was out of order and under repairs?

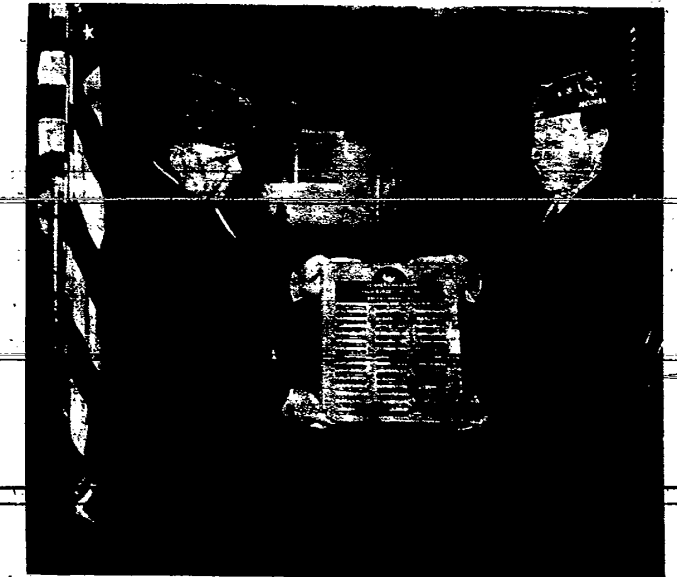
LATE WARNING —
To Pedestrians and Motorists:—
Don't walk near, or park your car near, buildings where the ice has not fallen off nearby roofs. You might wind up with a hole in the top of your car or your head even! We learned the hard way just now so have an air-cooled convertible.

Rebekah Notice
The regular meeting of Andover Rebekah Lodge No. 303 will be held Wednesday, March 18th at 8 p. m., at the Legion-Home.

Attention Voters
Anyone desiring a ride to the Polls to vote, call Wittie Headquarters—at the Wittie Building, Main Street, Telephone No. 478-4365, or if busy 478-4912.

Notice To Voters

Anyone desiring a car to bring them to vote, call Republican Headquarters at the Skinner Building, telephone No. 478-4051.



Jack Wheaton, Post Commander of Lynch-Burgett Post No. 397 of the American Legion, presents a plaque of all the Past Commanders of the Post to Craig Snyder, Adjutant. Jack made the plaque with the assistance of "Phil" Hackett and his lettering machine.

Photo by Wittie