

# Legion Posts Open Drive For 'Tide Of Toys'

Last year the American Legion inaugurated a new program, the "Tide of Toys", for which they collected toys to be sent to the children of Europe. Messages have been received from two of the posts in this area that they will again conduct a similar campaign. Commander Richard Tanner, Millerton, says:

"Christmas morning is 'zero hour' in the Legion Tide of Toys campaign, for we ask each child to choose from the presents under the Christmas tree and contribute a new toy to a toyless tot of Europe. It may be a duplicate or an unwanted toy—or any toy the child desires to give to the less fortunate.

"Children should include a letter or message with each gift so that the children of Europe may acknowledge receipt. We understand that several children received thanks from the children of Europe for their toys this past year. Last year Millerton did a 'bang up' job in this campaign. The figures from the headquarters showed that the County of Dutchess shipped over 9,700 toys weighing a total of 6,400 pounds to the children of Europe. This year we hope to double the quantity. Watch for notice of where to leave the toys and the collection date."

Plans have been completed by the Millerton Post for the annual Christmas Party to be held at the Millerton Theatre on Monday, December 25, starting at 9:30 a. m. Chairman Everett Pitcher and Co-Chairman William Bradley urge all the children to attend.

Stanley Porter, chairman of the campaign for the Closson-Raught Post, Copake Falls, stated:

"This program was undertaken for the first time last year, and thousands of children in war torn Europe received the first toys they had ever seen. Pathetic letters of gratitude poured in from so many different countries that the Legion is once again planning to send toys to these children who haven't known the bounties that are enjoyed by the children of this country.

"Therefore, members of the Closson-Raught post most earnestly request all residents of Copake Falls, Copake, and Ancram areas to donate toys that your children may be tired of, so that they may give a belated Christmas to unfortunate children of other lands. Collection of toys will be from Dec. 26 to Jan. 10. You are requested to leave your donations at Grube's or Fallon's store in Copake Falls, the Drug Store in Copake, or Porter's Store in Ancram. If it is inconvenient for you to reach any of these points, if you will contact any member of the Legion or Auxiliary they will gladly deliver them for you."

The Legion has voted to donate the use of the Legion Hall to any organization in this area for community Christmas parties for children.

The annual New Year's Party will be held at the Legion Hall again this year. For assessments and reservations, contact Charlie King, Chairman. The proceeds from the Party will be used toward putting in a new tile floor in the Legion kitchen. A new 16 foot refrigerator has recently been installed. This nearly completes the modernization of the Legion kitchen.