

## LEGION NAVAL POST PLANS LARGE HOME

It Now Has 2,500 Members and Permanent Headquarters Are Deemed Imperative

### OTHER ACTIVITIES NOTED

Pennsylvania's largest post—the Naval Post No. 197—of the American Legion proposes to build a permanent home for its membership.

This all-navy post has 2,500 members. It is anticipated by the county leaders of the Legion that the aim of this organization will be realized.

Closing of service men's clubs throughout the city has made the need for such a home imperative. In support of the necessity of constructing a permanent home for the post, the naval comrades point to the fact that the Philadelphia navy yard is the largest in area and the most beautiful yard in the country. Ships are now being built there. If the Navy Department should designate this yard as a home port for vessels of the reserve fleet, it would mean that between 15,000 and 20,000 naval service men would be brought to League Island throughout a year.

Just how soon the post can place itself in a position to undertake the building of a suitable place is problematical, but it is expected that the plans will be a definite announcement of plans within a few months.

Frank W. Melvin, chairman of the First district, announced a meeting tomorrow in his office in the West End Trust Building, of county committee representatives of the Legion of the posts in his district. There are a number of important questions before the posts as a result of the recent permanent organization of the county committee which will receive the con-

sideration of the committeemen tomorrow.

The Donald T. Shenton Post No. 139 has sought permission of the posts to the city to remove its headquarters from the Forty-sixth ward to the central section of the city. The post is comprised principally of 1000 Engineers, and according to the statement made today by W. H. Biester, Jr., the vice commander, its membership has reached 318.

"We have an active group of men," said Mr. Biester, "and we have very little difficulty in enrolling legionnaires. We are planning a dance for January 30 in the Scottish Rite Hall, Broad and Race streets. The chairman of the committee is William G. Harvey.

The officers of this post are: J. H. N. Andrews, commander; W. H. Biester, Jr., vice commander; J. R. Oakman, finance officer, and William A. Zirkman, post adjutant.

All details are being arranged for the war risk insurance revival campaign which will open in January and in which the Legion will co-operate with service men's and welfare organizations. Meetings will be held throughout the various sections of the city, and war risk experts will be in attendance at each meeting to take up specifically any complaints that are made by a former service man, whether he is a member of the Legion or not. The Legion has taken the position that even the best war risk officers should be interested in assisting their own members and service men who are not members. If such men desire assistance.

The new county committee of the American Legion will meet January 7, at the City Club, 213 South Broad street, for the first time since permanent organization was perfected. It is possible that several committees will be announced at that meeting. The work of the naming of important committees has been delayed. Chairman George Wentworth Carr declared yesterday, because of the failure of county committeemen in some of the posts to report their preference to the headquarters.

members within the next month, and been rivalry exists between the teams.

The Tatem-Shields Post, No. 17, American Legion, now numbering 122 members, is starting a membership drive to get every one of the 400 army and navy service men of Collingswood, N. J., in the post as active members, and the post commander, Dr. Edward B. Rogers, has named Herbert Hadley and Douglas Besore as captains of two teams to put the proposition over the top.

These captains will select teams and

secure the town within two months. The losing team will banquet the winners, and any member not getting at least one new member will not be in condition to get in at the dinner. Action on this was taken at the last meeting of the post.

The first annual banquet of the post will be given in Bank Hall on the evening of Washington's Birthday, when an appropriate program will be given and prominent speakers will be heard. Post Commander Rogers has taken the initiative in organizing a ladies' auxiliary.



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