

# LAST MAN CLUB SETS MEETING

64 Legionnaires to Fulfill Pledge Made 10 Years Ago.

At 6 p. m. Saturday 64 men will meet at the Hotel Antlers to fulfill a pledge made 10 years ago.

The "64" are the remaining members of the Last Man's club of the American Legion, a club organized in 1934 by 100 members of Wayne Post No. 64 and other posts in the 11th district of the American Legion.

The speakers' table will be decorated with a bottle of champagne, the seal of which will remain unbroken until the last living member of the club holds a dinner for himself and drinks a toast to the departed members.

## 18 Honorary Members

The club has met each year for 10 years and has 12 honorary members, men who have been speakers at the annual meetings.

Speakers for Saturday's meeting will be Frank A. White, editor of the Hoosier Legionnaire, who will discuss "what the American Legion has stood for in the past 25 years," and Col. Haskett L. Conner, commanding officer of Wakarusa General hospital, who will discuss "The Rehabilitation of World War II Wounded and Disabled Veterans."

Following the dinner an Armistice day dance will be held with dancing starting at 9 p. m. to the music of Ted Campbell's orchestra. The dance will be open to the public.

Officers of the Last Man's club are William Schoneker, president; Charles Peever, secretary, and Dave Deuper, treasurer.

## Chairmen Listed

Committee chairmen for the dinner and dance are L. C. Hesoun, general chairman; Mr. Schoneker, records; Willard Thomas, decoration and sound equipment; Willard Bradshaw, reception; T. W. Marshall, advance ticket sale; Charles Vance, master of ceremonies; Philip France, floor and entertainment; Clifford K. Robbins, refreshments, and Elmer F. Jester, door check.

Hostesses will be Mesdames Larry Hesoun, William Schoneker, Dave Deuper, C. A. Williams, Charles Peever, Charles Vance, Willard Bradshaw, G. C. Mercer, William F. O'Neill, E. A. Terhune, Willard Thomas, Clifford Robbins, Elmer Jester, Loren Daniel, Lawrence McCain, Philip France and James Poligrove.

# FRANCE GIVEN ROLE IN REICH INVASION

WITH SIXTH ARMY GROUP, France, Nov. 7 (U. P.)—DeGaulle's France already has been assigned a role both as a military force and a military government in the invasion of Germany, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, 6th army group commander, said yesterday.

Plans are progressing for the establishment of a military government in those portions of Germany which will be occupied by forces of the 6th army group, Devers said.

"The central problem, peculiar to the 6th army group, concerns co-ordination of French and American plans and the integration of the French and American military governments," he said.

"Commanding generals of the 1st French army and of the 7th army have received the same directive in accordance with policies established by the S. H. A. E. F. for a military government in Germany. French authorities, in co-operation with the S. H. A. E. F. and the 6th army group are proceeding to assemble and train military government personnel."

Devers expressed confidence in discussing the military outlook. When it was pointed out his forces only now were reaching the main German Vosges defenses, he said: "Fortified lines never impressed me very much. The more pillboxes there are the better we know where the enemy is and how to deal with him."

## VIRGIL STINEBAUGH SPEAKS TO LEGION

A program of public education to safeguard American ideals was advocated by Virgil Stinebaugh, superintendent of Indianapolis schools, as he addressed a joint meeting of the Bruce P. Robinson Post, American Legion, and its auxiliary last night.

Mr. Stinebaugh lauded the American Legion for its joint sponsorship with education of the annual "American Education Week." He also recommended short intensive training courses to develop skills of civilians and returning veterans for peacetime job requirements.

Carl Gates, commander of the post, presided at the meeting.

## SOLDIER'S CHILD DIES FROM COFFEE BURNS

ELKHART, Ind., Nov. 7 (U. P.)—Rites were arranged today for 7-months-old Carolee Erdman, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. John A. Erdman, who died yesterday of burns from coffee spilled as a percolator was overturned by a kitten brushing against an electric cord. The father had seen the child only once.

## WORKER DIES AFTER FALL FROM LST BOAT

BEDFORD, Ind., Nov. 7 (U. P.)—Ozell J. Keithley, 45, Colic, died yesterday of injuries suffered last week at the 1100 ordnance plant when he fell from the hull of an LST boat on which he was working.

# Primitive Supply Line Across China Keeps Flying Tigers in the Air During Desperate Fighting

By ALBERT RAVENHOLT United Press Staff Correspondent

ON THE ROAD FROM LIU-CHOW TO KUNMING IN EAST CHINA, Nov. 7.—The Flying Tigers in East China have been able to stay in the air during the desperate battling of recent months largely by means of a primitive supply line stretched across China by the American army service forces, which have pushed an uninterrupted flow of material over rolling roads be-

tween two points roughly as distant as Ft. Worth, Tex., and Richmond, Va. During these tragic months, Chinese organizations, working with the American army as one team, not only have supplied remaining 14th air force bases, but have evacuated Chinese factories, workers and vital American army equipment to the rear.

They have accomplished these feats over winding Chinese roads that are unpaved and hardly dis-

cernible from wilderness. They have kept trucks running through a part of the world where every motor part is counted. But once the Lede road is broken through to China, the theories of motor transport developed by cruel trial-and-error methods now employed will be effective.

The present route runs from Kunming, which is the terminal for the aerial "hump" route from India, to Chanyi, 100 miles east. A narrow-gauge, French-constructed rail-

way snakes from Chanyi to Kwei-yang, the main transport center in China, and then to Tuiyun. The next lap is covered by box car to Kwangtung province, just south of the main battle area.

From Kwangtung province, the route is ad libbed via junks, sampans and trucks in order to move supplies through the actual combat area and north to the American bases closest to Tokyo in Kiangsi and Fukien provinces.

At Annan, between Chanyi rail-head and Kwei-yang, there is great activity as convoys of American and Chinese drivers, who have pushed their trucks 10 to 16 hours over treacherous muddy roads, halt to check up for the following day's move.

Capt. Robert B. Jameson, New-castle, Pa., and 2d Lt. Clifford S. Powell, Coal Center, Pa., of the 1st American truck company, said their duty not only was to keep American

trucks moving, but also to be responsible for continuous operation of Chinese commercial and government vehicles carrying supplies.

This is in line with the policy established by Col. Maurice W. Shenshan, Chicago, former United Airlines pilot, now American army transport commander for China.

Formerly, when a Chinese driver's truck broke down, he left it by the roadside while he hitch-hiked to the nearest town and bought a part. Now he borrows the nearest part from the first American he sees, and is on his way to deliver the vital supplies.

Co-operation like this has "kept 'em flying" in China.

O. E. S. LUNCH FRIDAY Naomi auxiliary, 131, O. E. S., will hold a luncheon and business session Friday noon at the home of Mrs. Nora Moore, 3665 N. Keystone.



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