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WE shall keep the faith and torch
Must ever flame, and point the way.
To you who died, the living say:
For God and Country, in love and prayer.
The American Legion lives!

you, from falling hands
we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
We break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
show
in Flanders Field.
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WHAT OUTFIT BUDDY?

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Is the One Big Outfit Now. No Class. No Caste. We Fought Together—Let's Stick Together

A Brief Summary of the Legion's Record—Inception, Growth, Aims, Principles and Accomplishments

The American Legion stands on the threshold of its second year with an enrolled membership of almost two and one-half million.

With approximately 10,000 posts in every state, every American possession and practically every foreign country.

With more than 1,500 units of the women's auxiliary, containing about 200,000 members.

With a sound financial foundation. With club houses and other property owned by many posts; with the American Legion Weekly with its 100,000 subscribers; with some fifty other publications owned by Legion organizations.

With the guarantee of a ten-million dollar permanent home in Indianapolis.

These are some of the Legion's physical assets. But the Legion is not a business enterprise. Its members desire it to be financially solvent, to acquire property, to have tangible evidence of success. But the two million Legionnaires are much more interested:

That the American Legion has won a place as the foremost agency within the country, for the country.

That all creeds, political parties, races and conditions of real Americans are represented in its membership.

That the Legion has always stood for law and order and the upholding of the constitution of our country.

That it has maintained its neutrality in industrial disputes and in politics.

That within the two years of its existence it has convinced the vast majority of the hundred and ten million honest Americans that its ideals are pure and lofty, that its actions are honest, and that its sole purpose is the defense and promulgation of the principle of American democracy.

That the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion Has Actually Accomplished

The Legion keeps a legislative committee at Washington to devote all of its time to looking after the in-

LEGION WILL HAVE LOCAL MEET PLACE

HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHED ABOVE OLD LABYCHE BUILDING ON MAIN STREET

The Opelousas post of the American Legion, which is rapidly growing in membership and importance, recently moved the upstairs of the Labyche building, on Main Street, and this week the members were having the large room thoroughly cleaned up and supplied with all the necessary furniture, chairs, etc., which will be completed at the meetings in the future.

The officers of the post, as well as the membership, are making every effort to induce the large number of veterans of the world war in this city and parish to affiliate with the local organization. Dr. A. J. Perdue is the commander of the post, while Alex W. Swords is secretary, and both are doing their level best to enlarge the membership. Civil Engineer Dario, who was with Uncle Sam's engineers across the seas, although a very busy man, is taking time to give the organization a boost.

OPELOUSAS OIL COMPANY FITS UP HEADQUARTERS

The Opelousas Oil Company, incorporated, the first of the week renovated and fitted up a room on the second floor of the Landau building for an office for the corporation. The walls were nicely caulked and a number of the company painted on the walls. This will be the headquarters of the company, and it is understood that a six months lease will be taken for the office.

Bungalow Near Completion

The handsome and costly bungalow under construction on North Main street for Frank DeBuono is rapidly nearing completion, only the finishing touches yet to be added. It is quite an acquisition to that part of the city and both the owner and Contractor Amy are to be congratulated on the splendid piece of work.

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