

V. F. W. POST 855 FETES

ENSIGN F. E. PINTER

Parade Precedes Banquet for
Naval Hero at Which 400
Are Guests.

Francis E. Pinter, 728 North New Street, ensign in the U. S. Navy, home on furlough following his heroic rescue feat by plane at sea, was entertained at a reception and dinner by Post No. 855, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tuesday evening in the post home.

The affair was preceded by a parade, in which Ensign Pinter, his father, Betty Grammes Granger, a friend of Ensign Pinter, retiring Post Commander William J. Pfeifle and newly-elected Commander Stephen J. Polenchar, in a car, followed the post's drum and bugle corps from the Pinter home to the post home, 337 Brodhead Avenue.

The parade, directed by Musical Director Walter Lisinger, moved south on New Street to Broad Street, west on Broad Street to Main Street, south on Main Street across the Hill-to-Hill bridge to the Five Points, east on Broadway to Fourth Street, east on Fourth Street to Brodhead Avenue, and north on Brodhead Avenue to the post home. Commander Pfeifle took charge of the proceedings in the home, including a series of talks by prominent speakers, and turned them over to Mr. Polenchar. About 400 post members and friends of the naval hero attended the affair.

Ensign Pinter, the first new member of the post out of the present war, told his hosts of his career in the Navy. Mayor Robert Pfeifle, representing the city, Lieut. Com.

Ensign Pinter Guest of Honor at V. F. W. Affair



Post No. 855, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was host Tuesday evening at a dinner in honor of Ensign Francis E. Pinter, hero of a rescue at sea. Pictured at the affair are, left to right: In front row, Commander A. J. Wellings, U. S. N., Ensign Pinter, Mrs. Betty Grammes Granger, Frank Pinter, the Ensign's father; Standing, Lt. Commandr. John R. Craig, U. S. N.; William Pfeifle, retiring post commander; Robert Pfeifle, mayor of Bethlehem; Stephen Polenchar, commander-elect of Post 855; Lt. Leonard E. Smith, U. S. N., stationed at Lehigh University. —Globe-Times photo

John R. Craig, and Commander A. J. Wellings, the latter two of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Inspection department of the local plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, all urged support for the men in service with the nation's armed forces and increased production in the national defense program, after extending greetings to the guest of honor. Also introduced during the dinner were City Councilmen George J. Ruyak, Robert A. Hinkle and Arlo Wear, besides Lieut. Leonard Smith and a group of U. S. Navy ensigns taking the course in Diesel engines, under his direction, at Lehigh University, and Councilman George H. Reusser.

The dinner was prepared and served by the post's auxiliary under the leadership of the retiring president, Mrs. Mary Enright, and Erwin W. Kincaid. Charles A. Kaer-

cher, Isaac Kaplan, Harry J. Kennedy, Paul E. Karte, James Magar, Melvin V. Mundy, William J. McGrade, John L. McGovern, Thomas V. O'Brien, Harry H. Palmer, Bart J. Reynolds, Walter J. Rosensteel, John H. Reed, Charles M. Rinker, Anthony Simmer, Harvey Serfass, Leroy Stewart, Samuel Shive, Ellsworth Seiple, Thomas D. Sewell, Albert C. Selfert, John A. Tomko, Joseph F. Yonik and James F. Zbojovosky.

Craig, John R.

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