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A Momentous Day

POLITICS was adjourned yesterday as the country joined in upholding the hand of President Roosevelt in the call to young men of the country to register under the conscription clause of the national defense act.

Nor is there a political issue today between the leading candidates for the country's highest office when it comes to national defense. President Roosevelt wisely said that total war abroad calls for total defense at home. The issue, in this respect, as related by Mr. Willkie, lies not in the end to be attained but in the methods used to attain it.

Mr. Willkie has accused the president of drawing the United States closer to total war, not because of acts of the moment but because of dilly-dallying in pressing the country's defenses some time back when the president was telling the country that we were in imminent danger of being drawn into war; and for condoning actions of foreign labor leaders who were fomenting unrest, crippling the industry he called upon to get busy, and weakening the country's morale at a time when all elements should have been solidly welded together.

Few, indeed, are there in America who want to see any of the young men who registered yesterday have to face the cold reality of total war. Most Americans truly believe that the best way to avert total war for the United States is to have this manpower, as well as industry and other resources mobilized to attain its greatest effectiveness, for it is plainly thus that the type of aggressors at work in Europe only will be discouraged from any attempt at armed warfare in America.

Everyone does wish to see America strong, and the very fact that agitation toward increased action is necessary today is evidence that the defense program has been lagging. Some third term advocates say that America would not have tolerated such action from the president two years ago. It seems plain that such extreme measures would not have been necessary two years ago and would not now be necessary had the proper steps been taken at the proper times to bring about the more orderly and efficient development that comes through gradual and thorough preparation.

Wendell Willkie learned the essentials of efficient operation in a position where his pay did not come from pulling political strings but from the pocketbooks of hard-headed stockholders who gauged worth by dividend checks. In such a position a man must make good or his pay check is no longer issued. That is the American way of which Wendell Willkie speaks. It is the way that brought progress and prosperity to America. And we, with Wendell Willkie, believe it is the way to keep the young men of yesterday's registration from having to experience the horrors of total war.

SOCIETY CHIT-CHAT

By JUNE SMITH

Invitations have been sent out to the wedding of Miss Florence Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moyer of Heppner, and Mr. John Harold Fuiten, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fuiten of Forest Grove. The ceremony will take place next Sunday, October 20, at 5 p. m. at the Meth-

odist church.

Lt. and Mrs. Dean Finley and infant daughter, Patricia, returned Friday from a month's vacation. Their trip took them to Mound City, Illinois, where the lieutenant's mother, Mrs. James Finley, who has been visiting here this summer, makes her home. While there, they attended a family reunion. The Finleys also visited in Kentucky and saw the ancient buried city, Wycliffe, there.

Dr. June Martin of Marshfield, assistant grand conductress of the Eastern Star, will hold a school of instruction for the local chapter here Friday evening at 8 p. m. Officers will meet at Lucas Place for dinner before the meeting.

Mrs. Garnet Barratt entertained members of the Wednesday bridge club at her home with a dessert bridge. Two tables were in play.

Mrs. L. E. Dick was hostess to members of her duplicate club Wednesday afternoon at her home. The affair was a dessert bridge, with two tables in play.

Mrs. Fred Mankin was hostess at a surprise dinner party at her home in Ione Wednesday evening, in honor of Mr. Mankin's birthday. Guests from Heppner included Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney, Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Runyon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grabill, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Acton.

Among those who are having guests for the pheasant hunting are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ferguson, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Clark Van Fleet of Portland and Bill Anderson of Tillamook hunted; Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, who have Loren Davis and Bert Miller of Portland as their guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Patterson, who entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hampton and Bill Atchison of Portland from Monday til Wednesday.

Others from Portland who came up for the first day were Creston Maddock, Bill Hayes, Bill Crawford and Mr. Walby.

Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Miss Lulu Hager, Miss Marjorie Sims and Scott McMurdo drove to Pendleton Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. McMurdo's aunt, Mrs. Ella Bowling.

Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll drove to Grass Valley Friday, bringing Mrs. Driscoll's mother, Mrs. A. R. Fortner and her son Robert back when they returned Sunday. Mrs. Fortner is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard had Mr. Roy White and Mr. O. St. John of Portland as their dinner guests Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Earl Gordon is entertaining members of the What's Trumps club at Lucas Place this evening. Two tables will be in play, with refreshments served at the close of the evening.

Mrs. Marius Hanford and Mrs. Mark Merrill gave a bridge luncheon at Mrs. Merrill's home last Friday afternoon. A delicious lunch was served at four tables, which were attractively decorated with fall flowers. Mrs. Charles Cox won high score in bridge which followed, with Mrs. C. W. McNamer winning second and Mrs. Earl Gordon low.

In the evening Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Hanford were hostesses to another four tables of bridge at the Merrill home. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening, and Mrs. Glenn Jones won high score for the evening, with Mrs. A. H. Blankenship second, and Mrs. Gene Ferguson low.

Some of the Heppner people seen in Portland this week end were Edmond Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. James Valentine, Logie Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kinne, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn. Among those attending the Elk's

meeting there were seen Harvey Miller, Loyal Parker and Kenneth Akers Mr. and Mrs. Russell McNeill spent the week end at Kelso, Wash.

Lt. and Mrs. Edgar Grimes are residing at the Heppner Hotel, while an apartment at the Devine apartments is being prepared for them.

James Wilson left Friday for San Francisco, Cal., where he will make his home.

The American Legion auxiliary met last Monday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Anna Bayless. Eleven members were present, and Mrs. Bernice Bauman and Mrs. Sylvia Stone were hostesses.

Mrs. Frank Wilkinson and daughter Shirley drove to Pendleton Wednesday.

The Episcopal auxiliary met last Thursday with Mrs. Mary Thomson and Mrs. W. E. Pruy as hostesses. Archdeacon and Mrs. Eric Robathon of Pendleton attended the meeting. Plans were made for a plant sale to be held the 24th of this month and for the food sale this Saturday to be held at the Hughes grocery store. Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, chairman, asks that anyone desiring to order any special food call her.

The Topic club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. M. Ward, with Mrs. L. E. Dick, Mrs. Margaret Blake and Mrs. Mary Baker of Ione as hostesses. Fifteen members were present.

Mrs. Maybelle Romig, the county school superintendent of Baker county, spent the week end as guest of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers. They drove together to La Grande to attend the Eastern Oregon educational conference, which was attended by all teachers and school administrators of seven counties.

According to Mrs. Rodgers, the conference was excellent, with Dr. Ernest O. Melby of the Northwestern university, Chicago, and Miss Helen Heffernan of the state depart-

ment of education of California as speakers. The theme of the conference was "Education for the Democratic Way of Life," and the meetings were held at the Eastern Oregon College of Education. About 1000 educators attended.

GOODMANS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Dean T. Goodman stopped in the city for a few hours' visit with friends today on their way home to Salem from Yakima. All their boys are now away from home, Dean, Jr., now being in Seattle, Bob at Wenatchee, Wn., and Don with the national guard at Camp Clatsop.

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