

PURPLE HEART TO VOTE DRAFT POSITION TODAY

Support is indicated by informal discussions on convention floor.

Final support of the President's conscription and National Guard measures was indicated by informal, off-the-floor discussions at the Purple Heart convention today at the Claypool Hotel.

Convention members, all of whom are foreign war veterans wounded in battle, were to vote today on whether the order will support the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, the calling out of the National Guard by the President, and the supplementing of the Guard by local foreign war veterans.

Activities this morning in the four-day convention which will close tomorrow night, were confined to discussions of inner post and organization details.

Sentiment Shifts

Sentiment which had been against the conscription bill in its original form, was turning to support after the amendment to the bill which envisaged registration of persons between the ages of 21 and 31.

"There is no point to even think of conscripting those older than 31, when war has not been declared," one of them said. "Such conscription, without direction, might ruin a man's career with no reason."

Commenting on the President's proposal for substituting foreign war veterans for the National Guard, H. A. Church, national legislative chairman from Washington, said:

"There's no question but that the Purple Heart will stand 100 percent behind the President. We will do all we can to help other veterans supplement the National Guard if and when the President requests it."

"The question of taking over National Guard duties is right in with our favoring conscription," said Elmer Keyes of Milwaukee. "We want men who go to war to be prepared. If we can help that by taking over National Guard duties, that is our duty."

Scheller to Speak

Purple Heart members will hear Col. Frank J. Scheller of Chicago speak at the banquet and military ball that will close the convention tomorrow night. Col. Scheller is senior vice commander of the Illinois department and for 11 years was marksmanship director of the American Legion.

There will be instruction schools for adjutants and legislators tonight at the hotel. Activities for tomorrow will include a president's and past presidents' breakfast, business session and election of officers.

—AND MR. MELLIGAN WASN'T SCRATCHED

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 9 (U.P.)—William Melligan, Bethesda, Md., was driving here from Winsted today when he fell asleep at the wheel while passing through Woodbridge.

The sedan mounted a 10-foot embankment, overturned, skidded 150 feet upside down, regained an upright position and came to a halt—a wreck.

Melligan climbed out without a scratch.

EDWIN FERREE HAS SON

A 7½-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ferree at Methodist Hospital yesterday. They named the baby Thomas Heaston. He is their second child—Lane Ferree is 3 years old.

Mr. Ferree is assistant general merchandise manager for L. S. Ayres & Co.

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FIRE CHIEFS CHANGE ASSOCIATION NAME

SEATTLE, Aug. 9 (U.P.)—Stephen T. Early, secretary to President Roosevelt, said yesterday that "if by any accident Wendell Willkie should go into the Government he would be a poorer man when he left it." Mr. Early referred to Mr. Willkie's suggestion that Federal officials list their financial assets upon entering a leaving office.

"Mind you, I did not say 'if he is elected,'" Early cautioned newsmen who met him as he arrived by plane from San Francisco.

The secretary said President Roosevelt would be re-elected "beyond any doubt." Asked how he thought Mr. Willkie would fare in the Presidential race, Mr. Early said he "would rather let Mr. Willkie's man answer that question" for the Republican candidate.

Mr. Early came here for a visit with President Roosevelt's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger. He greeted Mrs. Boettiger with a kiss as he alighted from the plane.

The 700 delegates adopted the new name instead of the International Association of Fire Chiefs at their 68th annual conference. Boston was named for the 1941 meeting.

The convention authorized Managing Director Ralph J. Scott of Los Angeles to confer with the Federal Government about assistance to bring the nation's fire departments to full strength.

Elected with Mr. Palmer were W. Ralph Williams of Fresno, Cal., first vice president; Andrew Callahan, Harrison, N. J., second vice president, and Daniel A. Tierney, Arlington, Mass., secretary-treasurer.

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F. D. R. Gives Campaign Smiling Start



President Roosevelt and his running mate, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, are obviously pleased with their reception in their first campaign appearance at Hyde Park. In an informal talk, Mr. Roosevelt indirectly predicted victory in the coming election.

Leaves Tonight for Survey Of New England Defenses

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 9 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt leaves tonight for a tour of New England to inspect defenses. He made a similar tour in 1936 while running for his second term and was acclaimed by the largest crowds of his political career.

After a picnic-grove running mate Henry A. Wallace, Mr. Roosevelt's campaign strategy appeared to be:

1. Subordination of politics to intensive work on national defense problems, at least until some time in September.

2. Political silence by Mr. Wallace until he delivers his acceptance address at Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 29, and is ready to resign from the Cabinet or take a long leave of absence.

3. Inspection tours by Mr. Roosevelt of national defense bases, but without political utterances.

4. "Watchful waiting" in the expectation that acceptance of Wendell L. Willkie and other Republican leaders will provide the material for the New Deal campaign when it is ready to begin with all stops out.

Accompanied by his close friend and political advisor, Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins, Mr. Roosevelt will swing through New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, generally retracing in reverse, his triumphal tour of 1936 when he inspected flood control projects. This time, however, Mr. Roosevelt will make much of the trip by sea—out of sight of the voters.

The President indicated that he will swing into the Carolina-Tennessee mountains some time in September. He still is determined to carry through a three-postponed dedication of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park at ceremonies near Asheville, N. C., he said.

The President revealed that he will receive a personal report tomorrow from Col. William J. Donovan, who recently returned from England where he had been sent on a secret mission by Secretary of State.

Later today, Mr. Roosevelt said, he will talk over the question of removing British children from war zones in a conference with Clarence Pickett, legislative secretary of the American Friends Service League.

The decisions reached during the

Tickling Feet No Minor Issue

ROCHESTER, N. H., Aug. 9 (U.P.)—Ralph Willard, 30, started a three-month jail sentence today after being convicted under an old New Hampshire statute of "tickling the feet of a minor without her consent."

A 15-year-old girl testified in municipal court yesterday that Willard entered her room the previous night and awakened her by tickling her feet. She said he fled when she snapped on a light and recognized him. Willard pleaded guilty to the charge and also to breaking and entering.

The club's announcement said:

"It is hoped that all rural districts beginning at the State line and everyone, regardless of location, will display the American flag not only to let the world know Indians is truly proud that a native son has been honored as a Presidential candidate, but because we are real Americans."

Mrs. Nellie Stineman is president of the club and Mrs. Gladys Goodnight is secretary.

ELEPHANTS, INC., TO ELECT
The Marion County chapter of Elephants, Inc., will hold an election of officers Wednesday at the Republican County Committee rooms at Pennsylvania and New York Sts. The club will send an elephant to Elwood, Aug. 17, for the Willkie notification ceremonies.

THE GOVERNOR STAYS HITCHED

And That's His Reply to O'Connor Letter Asking Willkie Support.

Governor Townsend is staying hitched.

That, in effect is what the governor said today in a letter to John O'Connor, former Democratic congressman from New York.

Mr. O'Connor, now a Washington lawyer, sent the governor a formal letter addressing him as "Dear Democrat" and asking him to support Mr. Willkie for the good of the country.

No sir, said the governor.

"We in Indiana are grateful to have a leader in the White House who has put government in action to the benefit of the people. The policies of our beloved President Roosevelt are acceptable to the rank and file of the people of Indiana... Speaking in the language of our people in Indiana, we do not feel it is wise to change good, dependable farm hands during harvest."

"Surely, it is far wiser to retain President Roosevelt, who stands almost alone in the world as a symbol of Democracy, than to replace him with a man wholly inexperienced in government, and whose entire viewpoint is colored with the interests of one class."

Joan Previews Gladioli



Glad with the "glads!" That's Joan Cudworth, 39 E. 9th St., who slipped into a fur coat yesterday and made a preview of the gladioli that will be on display tomorrow and Sunday at Brookside Park. The blooms will be shown under the auspices of the Gladiolus Society of Marion County and are being preserved now in cold storage. It's really cold in there... but that smile is certainly warm.

ROB 10 GARAGES IN TWO BLOCKS

Burglars Take One Car, Strip Others; Keep Doors Locked, Police Warn.

Wholesale stripping of garages broke out last night in the two-block district between Linwood and Drexel Aves.

Police said many persons habitually leave their garages and cars unlocked during the summer months, an open invitation for looting.

The garages looted last night were all locked, however.

The burglars had stolen one automobile and had it loaded with loot from other garages when they were surprised by police in the rear of 722 N. Drexel Ave. Two of them got away. A third was shot but also escaped.

They had stolen the car from Joseph Willholt, at 518 N. Drexel Ave. In the car was a tire and wheel taken from a car in the garage at 621 N. Linwood Ave. and tools valued at \$85 taken from 514 N. Drexel Ave. The man the police shot at dropped two bathing suits taken from a car at 721 N. Linwood Ave.

The men had ransacked garages on Linwood Ave. at 724 and 607 as well, and on Drexel Ave. at 722, 718, 732 and 522.

CATCHES 40-POUND FISH

SEYMOUR, Ind., Aug. 9 (U.P.)—Cleve Emily, 23, today made a proud 40-pound catfish he caught in White River. The fish was three and one-half feet long and Emily used a one-pound carp as bait.

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