

Defense of Child Comes First, Dr. May Says in Talk Here

The defense of the child is the most important thing in the world today, Dr. Betty Eckhardt May, director of the National Citizens' Committee of the 1940 White House conference, said today.

She was the opening speaker at the first meeting of the Indiana White House conference committee at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

Using the theme "Who Are We Saving Democracy for?" Dr. May outlined the history and developments of the last four White House conferences.

Governor Schricker was to address the group following the noon luncheon at the I. A. C.

Miss Mildred Arnold, director of the children's division, State Department of Public Welfare is executive secretary of the group.

William Floyd, principal of West Lafayette High School, is committee chairman and Dr. Howard B. Mettel, Bureau of Maternal and Child Health of the State Health Board, is vice chairman.

TWO COUNTIES NAME CHAMPION HUSKERS

ROCKVILLE, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Cecil Bostick was champion cornhusker of Parke County today for the third consecutive year, netting 22.9 bushels to lead a field of 13 yesterday.

Mr. Bostick was runner-up in the State contest last year and placed 11th in the national competition.

NOBLESVILLE, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Donald Hiday, 21, Noblesville, won the Hamilton County cornhusking contest yesterday, successfully defending his 1940 title. Mr. Hiday netted 36.5 bushels. His brother John placed second with 35.4 bushels.

DEMOCRATS SET FOR RALLY HERE

Chairman Flynn and Other Party Notables Will Speak Wednesday.

Indiana Democratic leaders today were completing plans for the party powwow here Wednesday, at which National Chairman Edward J. Flynn and other notables will speak.

It will be the first rally of the 1942 campaign, with district and county chairmen, state officials and party leaders invited to the dinner at the Claypool Hotel. A State Committee meeting has been called for the afternoon by State Chairman Fred F. Bays. Local and state organizational problems will be discussed at the meeting, Mr. Bays said.

Three other national party leaders also will speak at the dinner. They are Wayne Coy, formerly of Franklin, assistant to President Roosevelt; Oscar R. Ewing, formerly of Greensburg, assistant national chairman, and Richard Reynolds, national committee treasurer.

Governor Henry F. Schricker and Chairman Bays also will speak, outlining the program for recapturing state offices and control of the Legislature next year.

Organizations

G. O. P. Club to Give Party—Mrs. Laura Hoffman will be in charge of the first of a series of fall card parties to be given by the Wayne Township G. O. P. Inc., newly organized.

The first card party will be held at the Wayne Post, 6356 W. Washington St., today in the club rooms of the Wayne Post, 6356 W. Washington St.

Peachontas Supper Tomorrow—Peachontas Council 550 will have a chicken supper from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. tomorrow, followed by cards at the Red Men's Hall, 137 W. North St. Mrs. Merle Hartlage is in charge of arrangements.

Townsend Show Tomorrow—A show, "Old Familiar Faces," will be presented by Townsend Club 25 at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the McClain Hall, State and Hoyt Aves.

Scottish Rite Dinner Tonight—Scottish Rite will hold a dinner, entertainment and dance tonight. The Burroughs School of Music, with Miss Jane Burroughs, director, will present two scenes from the "Pirates of Penzance" and one from "Flora and the Urtica." Dancing will begin in the ballroom at 9 p. m. Carl G. Seytler is chairman of the arrangements committee.

O. E. S. Meeting Monday—Prospect Chapter 452, O. E. S. will meet at 7:45 Monday at the group headquarters. Mrs. Lucille Rhoads is worthy matron and Floyd Rohrer is worthy patron.

Legion Group to Hold Supper—Service Unit, No. 128, American Legion, will serve a penny supper at the Legion Hall in Oaklandon tomorrow from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

Maj. Eliot Says:

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The Germans are stalled before Moscow, probably from a combination of four reasons: (1) Stronger Russian resistance on organized positions; (2) Russian counter-attacks with reserves held back until the appropriate time; (3) The Germans have outrun their supplies; (4) Increasingly bad weather.

The German army group commander, Field Marshal General Fedor von Bock, must now make certain decisions. (1) Is further progress possible at all? (2) Are reserves of men and material available for a renewal of the attack on a great scale, a bid for a decision? (3) If so, does a direct assault on the defenses of Moscow promise results commensurate with the certain losses? (4) Or do weather conditions, maintenance and the state of the roads make an attempt to encircle the city and push on eastward a more promising alternative?

On the basis of experience with German offensive tactics so far, the encirclement move would seem to be the most likely. But in this case the center of resistance is so large, and the encircling movements, in consequence, must cover so much ground, that it remains in doubt whether the Germans will venture to try so ambitious a maneuver in the teeth of the gathering Russian winter. If von Bock decides that he had better not risk encirclement, he must gather his strength for a direct assault, or he must acknowledge stalemate.

The next few days should give some indication as to whether the German pause before Moscow will settle for the winter or whether the Germans are gathering their forces and reorganizing their supply system for another try. In the former case, it seems likely that they will commence transferring forces to the south where the weather still is not too unfavorable to a war of movement.

The progress which the German southern campaign has been making has passed all but unnoticed, shouldered out of the headlines by the titanic struggle before Moscow. Yet at Taganrog the German armies are closer to Rostov than they have come to Moscow as yet, and somewhere east of Poltava they are threatening the great heavy-industry center of Kharkov. The fall of these two places would mark a severe loss to the Russians, a loss of the industrial power which must support all modern fighting forces if they are to survive.

It has been said that Russia's industrial strength rests on five pillars: the heavy industry of the Kharkov-Rostov region, the heavy

industry of the Ural-Middle Volga region, the mixed (heavy and light) industry of the Leningrad area, the mixed industry of Moscow and its vicinity, and the oil and other resources of the Caucasus. The loss of any one of these would not be fatal; the loss of two would be a severe shock to the whole structure; the loss of any three would leave the remainder in a desperate condition.

So far, none have been wholly lost. Leningrad is all but surrounded, but its industry is able to support its defending forces. Moscow is still in Soviet hands. The Kharkov-Rostov area has been penetrated, but its main centers are not yet taken. The Ural-Volga area and the Caucasus are still remote. That is the balance sheet of four months of German attack on Russia; to which may be added that the Russian armies and fleets, with their air forces, are still in being, and that if they have suffered losses, these are probably not much greater than the German losses, both in men and material.

Nevertheless, it is upon the dwindling strength of the Russian industrial support to the Russian fighting forces that the Germans must pin their chief hopes of victory, either now or in the spring, and it is upon the ability, by far-fung and arduous lines of communication, of the British and Americans to make up for those losses by munitioning the Russians, that the Russian hopes must be founded.

Again weighing every known factor in the balance of considered judgment, this writer sees no reason to alter the opinion expressed three weeks ago at the beginning of the great German assault on Moscow, that the Germans are probably not going to score a knockout in that sector any more than they have previously been able to do in the north or the south. They may make further advances; in the south are likely to do so. At any rate, time will tell, and very soon, whether we are now approaching a stalemate in the north or a center, with the scene of activity shifted to the south.

ARMY INDUCTS 60 IN COUNTY

208 Hoosier Registrants Report Today at Ft. Harrison.

Sixty additional men registered with two Marion County Selective Service Boards were scheduled to report at Ft. Harrison today for induction into the Army.

They are among 208 Hoosier registrants from 10 Indiana counties. Registrants of local boards in Marion County are:

Irvin Morris Berkowitz, 2431 College Ave.; Lyle Gordon Gill, 1209 Central Ave.; Charles E. Wells, 3423 Brouse; Clarence Barton Campbell, 1681 Park Ave.; Clarence William Ross, 1244 21st Ave.; Carson Wallace Below, 2017 Carrollton; Charles Edward Owen, 1115 Carrollton; Dale Edwin Coe, 1708 Central; Joseph Kelly, 2128 N. New Jersey; Joseph Charles Jost, 1899 Carrollton; Eugene Frederick Hornsby, 3325 Brouse; Walter Loren Okey, 1610 Roosevelt Ave.; Norman Wood Williams, 2444 Guilford; Lloyd Emory Jamison, 3838 Central; Eugene Adams Miller, 1819 Broadway; Jack Bertram Cripps, 5238 Guilford; Charles Maxwell Miller, 2315 Broadway; George Williams Rowley, 2848 N. Tacona; and Marion Claude Chitwood, 314 E. Walnut.

Clevidus Franklin Taylor, 134 N. Blackford; Paul Wayne Stamm, 2432 W. Walnut; George W. Whitaker, Crawford, Ky.; Paul Raymond Brown, 1119 N. Livingston; John Joseph Frank, 1437 N. Holmes; Vernon Price Edwards, 238 Douglas; Lawrence Edward Marow, 1005 W. New Street; Raymond Oscar Hines, 2110 W. Michigan; Earl Fred Baker, 508 Dover; John Raynard McIntire, 1203 W. New York; Oliver Elmer Sweeney, 1610 W. New York; Guyle Carl Jones, 2001 Wilcox; Adolph Albert Kohn, 1123 N. Warren; William Francis Lloyd, 3352 W. Michigan; Wayne Austin Decker, 1411 Sharon; Louis Phillip Canak, 197 N. Raugh; John Arthur George Jr., 261 Reiser; John Andrew Toth, 788 Concord.

Charles Ewan Mills, 107 Greeley; Charles Edward Cherry, 1747 W. New York; Paul Lehr Miller, 1214 N. Alton; James Leon Gill, 22 N. Richmond; Ernest Owen McCoy, 322 N. Milby; Merrill Eugene Lucas, R. 2, Box 429; Keith Arden Snider, 4069 W. 18th; Charles Thomas Toole, 2015 W. 18th; Harry Martin Toole, 2015 W. 18th; Cecil Vernon Hugen, 114 S. Michigan; Warren Sortwell, 541 N. Milby; Donald Charles Jaynes, 1415 North; Adolph Martin Mader, 2710 W. 19th; John Martin Munnaugh Jr., 1222 N. Raugh; Edgar Forrest Hall, 102 S. Elder; and Arthur William Fear Jr., 1755 Lafayette Rd.

ONCE HEAD OF STATE CLUBWOMEN IS DEAD

BRAZIL, Oct. 24 (U. P.).—Miss Louise Klingler, 65, Brazil, died today at Clay County Hospital after a five-week illness.

A former trustee of the Rockville Sanatorium and one-time president and secretary of the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss Klingler was a sister of the late John G. Klingler, founder of the Citizens Telephone Co.

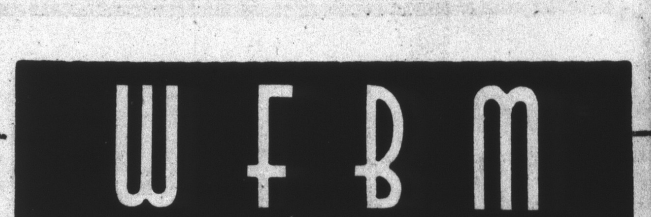
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