

The emotional nature of man is a risk leaving against the hard realities of life. Only when he is controlled by reason, he who fails to discipline and guide his emotions is bound for trouble. Every man needs to conform to the discipline of harmonics.

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## Measures Underway To Properly Insure City Hall, Library

### MacARTHUR, Patriot, Probably Invited Dismissal

Perhaps the greatest dramatic trial ever to come before the American people is unfolding as the result of President Truman's dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur from the Far Eastern Command.

Competent observers of the national scene report that no issue of the past has aroused as much heated controversy both within and outside of government, as the summary firing of the five-star General on April 11.

It is but another chapter in the Presidential life of Harry S. Truman, a chapter that follows others that narrate the decline in public favor and respect of the man who occupies the White House.

For myself, I am going to withhold final opinion on the subject until Douglas MacArthur returns to this country and tells us his side of the story.

INSOFAR as the issue of insubordination, of refusal to "follow the orders" of his Commander-in-Chief, is concerned, I go along with those who truthfully believe that military discipline in uniform must "follow orders."

President Truman has said that MacArthur "insubordinately disobeyed" orders. If that is exactly true, then dismissal of MacArthur was the rightful action by the president.

It may be that MacArthur will agree that he was insubordinate, but he speaks to his countrymen later. That remains to be seen and heard.

If MacArthur does admit that he refused to carry out in all details, Presidential orders, then I am risking here my own reasons why I think he acted as he did in Japan and Korea.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, egotistic as he may be, report, he, is a great soldier, a great statesman. His glorious military record proves the one, and his handling of the Japanese surrender and, later, the job he did in occupying Japan, proves the second.

Douglas MacArthur, also, is a patriotic, loyal American. He has a personal and private right, as he observed the Truman administration's bungling of the Chinese problem, to express both FDR's and Truman's mis-handling of post-World War II results in military, economic and aiding Soviet Russia in her spread of communism, to become disgusted; and to believe that the United States, because of disloyal and weak leadership, was threatened in its security.

IF HE BELIEVED this, he must have been tormented inwardly—knowing that, as a soldier in uniform, he ought not to speak out against the policies of his Commander-in-Chief.

Yes, if reports are true, he did this very un-military thing. He spoke out, against not only his nation's civil and military leaders, but equally against the United Nations. (And certainly the lack of support of the UN to fight in Korea must have influenced MacArthur's final decision.)

Why did MacArthur speak out? It's my own belief that, as a loyal and patriotic American, he no longer could hold back the urges of his conscience.

I BELIEVE, THEN, THAT MACARTHUR'S REFUSAL TO "FOLLOW ORDERS" WAS ONLY HIS OWN STRATEGIC MOVE TO BRING ABOUT HIS DISMISSAL.

For only by being fired, with all the attending drama, could MacArthur create a proper public state of mind to receive the words he later gives to all Americans.

Had he been less dramatic in his method of refusing to "take orders," he might merely have been restricted in his Far East command. He might have been ordered to give up direction of the Korean fighting and confine himself to the rehabilitation of Japan. Or he might have been brought back to the United States and given some military job where his voice would be silenced. He did not want any of these possible changes in his military status. (See THIS & THAT, Page 2.)

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Immediate steps to bring fire insurance coverage up to a point where the city would be fully protected in event of a major fire in either the municipal building or the public library are being taken this week by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at the instruction of the city commission.

### MacArthur Firing Draws Comment From Citizens

By RAY DENNIS

Various comments, ranging from indignant views to President Truman's removal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, were received in a random survey conducted in Birmingham last week.

The sole topic of conversation in the city last Wednesday and Thursday morning was the firing of MacArthur.

One group, the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, sent a message to the President urging withdrawal of his order. The number of cables were ruthlessly destroyed because of how deeply we feel as true Americans we need your return to duty.

But the Junior Chamber of Commerce members weren't the only persons sending telegrams or messages. The Eccentric received a number of cables were reported it had a great many calls to send telegrams on the situation but they were all referred to the Detroit office. However, the Birmingham manager stated that a cable number of cables were sent to Gen. MacArthur from this office.

PROBABLY THE most outspoken comment received from the survey was that of Mrs. W. S. Rogers, 844 1/2 Park.

She stated, "That was a dirty deal. Gen. MacArthur is a man of a high moral character and over there in run things and has been there for years. He knows the situation and the president had to get rid of him, why couldn't he have done it in a nice way?"

Mrs. Rogers added, "Mr. Truman should apologize to Gen. MacArthur. He should show the president where he was wrong. I believe we should put the general back there in command. I've lived through four wars and I certainly hope I don't see any more."

Mrs. R. F. Weber, 164 Baldwin commented, "It was a rather un-military thing to do to him. I had to be done. I object to the word 'firing' connected with a general. MacArthur is a hero and a caller."

Mrs. Henry L. Sellers, 625 Ridgeway said, "I don't think it was the right thing to do. Gen. MacArthur was over there and knew what was going on. He brought us through the last war and I think he could have again. I believe a majority of the people are for MacArthur."

MRS. G. A. HOFFMAN, 969 Chester pointed out, "The move was in a very difficult position. I share Gen. Eisenhower's viewpoint in hoping that the removal of MacArthur will create a national turmoil. I just hope the situation won't lead to another conflict."

Fred Vici of Detroit, a salesman for a local firm, said, "The removal of Gen. MacArthur was ill-timed and ill-placed. There should have been an understanding between the administration and the general, and the state department should have had a definite policy over things."

He added, "What we should do is set our policy and England and France should follow that. I do believe that Gen. MacArthur should have recalled to this country previous to his conference. Before commenting on the removal the removal was right I would first like to hear MacArthur's statement. Right now, I don't agree with the president's decision."

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This move will protect the city while a full program is developed to include other insurance risks the commission feels should be brought up to date.

COMMISSIONERS also plan to have one agent handle all of the city's insurance, thus minimizing the contacts that must be made, appointing a test case to study the policy or policies if he thought it desirable.

This action stems from a report from an advisory committee, headed by the late Mayor Bell, which was set up to study the city's insurance coverage.

Newly elected city commissioner Lance C. Minor, a former member of the committee, emphasized Monday night.

"We have four serious deficiencies, particularly with the municipal building and the public library," he said.

He suggested binders be obtained immediately to extend fire insurance coverage on both buildings.

THE COMMITTEE'S report set a valuation of \$500,000 on the municipal building, \$365,000 on the library. Present insurance on the first is \$188,000, the latter only \$120,000.

It was suggested that extended coverage be obtained, as well as for building contents.

The report also mentioned other places where the city's coverage could be improved.

In an Aug. 14, 1950 report to the commission shortly before the establishment of this special insurance advisory committee, Egbert pointed out that special coverage on these two buildings, plus the DPW, was inadequate and needed revision upward toward actual replacement value.

### Bloomfield Hills Teachers Receive \$200 Increase

Contracts for the teaching staff of Bloomfield Hills schools were received Monday by the board of education for the next year with a \$200 across the board increase.

The board also authorized superintendent John Jacobs to hire an additional high school English instructor and two vocal music teachers.

Jacobs was also authorized to let contracts for the landscaping around Vaughan school.

The operating budget for Bloomfield Hills schools for 1951-52 has been set at \$223,479.24. This is a \$38,450 increase over the 1950-51 figure of \$185,000.

Jacobs stated that the increase is due to the adding of five teachers to the staff, salary hikes and additional fuel costs.



NEWLY ELECTED United Foundation advisory committee chairman Donald S. Bell (left) receives congratulations from Henry Whiting, who has held that office since the committee's inception in August, 1949. The election was held last week at a committee meeting, after Whiting had resigned his office due to other pressing obligations. Bell, former mayor of Birmingham, will head the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin committee. (See Wheeler Photo)

### Military Units On Memorial Day

Further plans for the observance of Memorial Day were made by the joint committee of the American Legion and VFW at a meeting April 11.

Jack Emerson, committee chairman, said two special features have been arranged. A battery of artillery, stationed at the 3 Mile road Army will march with full equipment in the parade.

During the ceremony at the city hall, jet planes from the 56th Fighter Wing, Selfridge field, will fly over the scene, giving the air salute. Mrs. Earle Cunningham will present the wreath for the Gold Star Mothers of Birmingham.

THE COMMITTEE will decorate veteran graves in Acacia Park and Greenwood cemeteries and will present flowers to the Boy Scouts for use at Clover Hill cemetery.

The committee has also asked that anyone knowing the location of the graves of Birmingham veterans in Roseland Park cemetery report them so they, too, may be properly decorated.

Final plans will be made at a third meeting April 25 at the American Legion hall.

### Street Vacation

At the request of the Birmingham school board, the city has set a May 28 hearing on the vacation of Martin street from Chester to Southfield and certain alleys in the area, one of which passes through Hill school.

### Oakland Hospital Petitions Received By Boundary Group

Two petitions concerning the Oakland hospital site on the Porritt tract on South Adams were presented to the Oakland board of supervisors last week.

One petition, submitted by the Oakland hospital board asking the city to purchase the 45-acre property, be taken into consideration by the city of Birmingham.

However, the Troy township board turned in a counter petition opposing the proposed annexation.

Both petitions were referred to the committee of board members. Members of this committee are H. Lloyd Clawson, Oscar Eckman and Roy F. Goodspeed.

### REB Pledges Support If City Sends Parade To Detroit Parade

Directors of the Birmingham Real Estate board Friday voted to contribute toward a Birmingham float for Detroit's 250th anniversary parade, providing it becomes a community project.

William Blazo, secretary, said the group expressed itself willing to support other businessmen and the Chamber of Commerce if they join forces for the July 28 celebration.

The group will hear an address this noon by A. R. Saunders, executive vice-president and secretary of the Michigan Real Estate association. The meeting will be at the Community House.

## City Awards \$120,489.50 in Street Paving Contracts

### Board Holds To Decision On Cooper

Protests Voiced at Meeting; Students Present Petition

The Birmingham board of education will stand by its March 20 majority decision not to extend basketball coach Lloyd Cooper a contract for the 1951-52 school year; it was evident from discussion at the board meeting Tuesday night at Hill school.

The full board of seven members, meeting in the second floor band room to accommodate the crowd of 60 parents and students who attended, discussed for two hours the matter of Cooper's contract.

A petition, signed by 536 high school students, asking that Cooper be retained, was presented to Board President Ernest W. Seaholm.

SUPERINTENDENT of Schools Dwight B. Ireland, early in the meeting, said a recent letter from the Eastern Michigan League concerning Cooper's action on the basketball court, led to his decision on Cooper.

"I felt I could not recommend Cooper to the board (for a new contract)," Ireland stated.

Contents of that EML letter have not been made public. "It is up to the League to make it public if it so desires," Seaholm said.

Since the first of the year, Cooper has been the target of criticism regarding his allegedly unsportsmanlike conduct on the basketball floor.

IRELAND SAID EML officials in 1948 first wrote the Birmingham board regarding Cooper's conduct, but it was decided to give Cooper a year's probation to see if there were any improvements.

"At the end of that year there was some progress, but it has sprung up again," he declared.

Walter Kleintz, 454 Yarmouth, was particularly outspoken in Cooper's defense.

Kleintz criticized the Birmingham method of having the superintendent recommend a list of teachers for contract approvals.

"This system could permit a superintendent, for personal or other reasons, to neglect to place a certain teacher's name on the list," Kleintz declared.

"Ireland himself is protected by a five-year contract. I think teachers also should have the same protection."

COOPER HIMSELF commented (See DECISION, Page 2)

Two contracts for concrete paving, totaling \$120,489.50 have been awarded by the city to the Thomas E. Currie Co. of Detroit.

Contract A for \$96,205.75, will include Pembroke road and court west of Eton; Lincoln avenue, Adams to Torrey; Adams from Lincoln to Woodward; and Bates from Lincoln to 14 Mile road. Also in this contract is Sheffield from Eton to Mansfield and Mansfield from Sheffield to Bradford.

CONTRACT B WILL be granted with the condition that the city can withdraw the Sheffield and Mansfield portions by Monday, April 23. The property owner has not as yet turned in his share of the money for this project and was given until Monday to get the money.

Contract B totaling \$24,283.75 includes the Chapin crossover on Woodward; and US-10 Access drives between North and West streets; Hazel and Chestnut; Bowers and Haynes; and at Colonial Court.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has been authorized to advertise for bids for concrete paving on the following streets: Smith and Bird streets from Grant to Edgewood; Edgewood, Bird, Smith; Southland, Southfield to Stanley; Maryland, 14 Mile to Southland; Pembroke, Eton St. Andrews; and Edenborough from Manchester to Pembroke.

EGBERT REPORTED that it will be necessary to break up the Pembroke-Mansfield and Bird-Crestview assessment districts in order to pave Southland, Maryland and Pembroke, Eton St. Andrews; and Edenborough from Manchester to Pembroke.

Each tag bears identification and classification for the holder. The first line bears a code number for the state office, plus the number received with your local "receipt."

RELIGIOUS faith is indicated by a single letter for Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths. This is followed by a letter stating the blood type such as "A," and another, followed by "Pos" or "Neg" indicating the RH factor and the figure represents the holder's years of birth.

Each card also carries the name and address of holder.

### Recreation Board Granted Budget Request of \$8,160

The tentative city budget will contain a \$8,160 appropriation as the city's share of the recreation board budget for 1951-52, according to Mayor Chad Ritchie.

The commission met with members of the recreation commission and planning commission last week to consider budget requests. In the original budget prepared by City Manager Donald C. Egbert, the recreation commission was granted a \$8,800 appropriation and plan commission, \$6,000.

The recreation commission requested \$8,160 and plan commission, \$7,500. Mrs. Peter Loomis, chairman of the plan commission, was asked to bring to the city commission more detailed information regarding certain budgetary requests.

### Civic Control Day To Be Held May 7

The annual Civic Control day of Birmingham high school will be held Monday, May 7, according to Mr. Carol Daring, student counselor.

Students will elect their officers for this day at the city hall April 23. During civic control day, the students "take over" all city of Birmingham municipal positions.

### Rising Seeking Simpler System On Tree Removal

When the question of a tree removal came up City Commissioner Frank Rising asked if it was necessary to have an official decision every time a tree was cut down—if so, why.

From Mayor Chad Ritchie, who has been handling the tree removal since in commission affairs, Rising learned that the question of trees slated back to the widening of Woodward avenue when a number of trees were removed and several residents were aroused.

RISING, WITH a keen desire to get to the bottom of things, asked if these incensed people were still living in Birmingham. He was assured by a responding "YES!" from fellow commissioner.

The new commissioner then suggested that perhaps these residents could be given a "grove of trees" has been collected as a means of cutting costs on printing the weekly agenda.

Donald C. Egbert, city manager, said the policy had been modified, somewhat, in that he could approve the removal of "weed trees" without a public hearing.

HE ADDED that some tree removals hinge on city construction traffic safety and the like, and must be considered as the need grows.

Rising accepted the explanation, but said he still felt there must be a way to get around the situation and work over it. He also mentioned the fact that there is a tree on Oak street he'd like to see removed.

Commissioner Milton Mallerender suggested that, some evening when there is nothing to do, a hearing be held on that particular tree.

"It's been holding up the improvement of Oak street for 25 years," he said.

The removal of the tree at 475 Piquette, which is a large tree to a private garage, was approved.

### Convent Alterations

According to the city building inspector's office, Holy Name church has been issued a \$20,000 building permit for the moving and alteration of a building on the corner of 14 Mile and Woodward. No church officials were available for comment, but it is reported that the work concerns enlargement of the convent.



CORNERSTONES were laid Sunday for two new Birmingham churches. Pictured at the left is Rev. H. G. Allward, pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran church, reads appropriate scriptural passages, at the ceremony, following the morning worship service. The \$75,000 building will be the first of three units to be built on the 14 Mile road site east of Woodward. It is expected the building will be completed and ready for dedication in September. At 4 p.m., the cornerstone was laid for the new Methodist church on West Maple. Shown in the photo to the right, the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel places mortar for the stone after the corners of the 1871 cornerstone were added to items of current history. Various church officials took part in the ceremony with an address by Bishop Marshall Reed of the Detroit area.

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