

So often things are said about others that have no basis in fact. It is sponsored by gossip and rumor. In some cases, the statements are also intended to make the speaker's mind go unappreciated.

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## MacArthur Greeted by 7,000 on Arrival Friday

### General Pauses on Way Home

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

General Douglas MacArthur, the most important individual ever to make a visit to Birmingham, paused long enough Friday afternoon to be welcomed by the city's municipal and civic leaders and to be seen by more than 7,000 persons who lined Woodward avenue from 14 Mile road to Quanton road. Over 4,000 of these persons gathered at the corner of Woodward and Harmon where the General and Harmon were the General and his attractive and charming wife, Jean, paused for a brief 10-minute ceremony. He was on route from Detroit to Birmingham on his way to Willow Run airport to be flown to New York City. Earlier in the day he was the center of a Detroit celebration when on Thursday he appeared at a luncheon reception at Kellogg Center, in East Lansing, sponsored by the Michigan legislature and the Michigan Press Assn., and that evening made a public address before the legislature gathered in the state capitol.

### H S and THAT

By G.R.A.

#### "Reaping the Whirlwind"

Once again Soviet Reds are bottling up transportation channels between West Berlin and the western free section of Germany. They are willing to do this because the late President Roosevelt agreed that Russia could have a land west of it, thus creating a veritable sea of Communism around the city of Berlin held by the U.S.A., Britain, and France. What a lousy agreement! It is just one of many concessions that are made at home and abroad, both arrogant, conceited, dictatorial, and unbecomingly did... post-World War II era more difficult than what preceded it. The good that FDI sought is far eclipsed by the disasters he made possible and will continue to visit mankind in the opinion of millions who are left to bear the burdens.

#### This Program of Waste

If you ever expect the military forces of this, or any other nation, to consider, frugally, the expenditure of funds given to you are doomed to disappointment. They are quite willing to argue (and with some degree of righteousness) that war itself is wasteful, so how can you mix economy in its operations? They, the military, argue so, of course, because the military is no better in moral than the segments of our society. Since, for example, most politicians are spokesmen, unmindful of frugal use of public funds, why should the military be any different?

#### SINCE BUSINESS, too, in producing weapons of war for the military, is willing to give large sums for its services, why should the military folks worry about economy?

And as it goes, a nation, a majority of whose people are not inclined to demand frugality in the expenditure of public monies, must not expect its military spenders to be any more frugal than its pocketbooks in order to save some dough. (Besides, they also desire, when at war we can't take chances to economize at the expense of failing to build the most powerful services for our national defense.)

#### One way to create an emergency that requires the need for various first-aid materials is to attack, kick hits, and club one or more other human beings. Running over somebody with an automobile is one way to turn the trick, too. By the way, one way to maintain international and domestic emergencies is to blunder around there, and then rush to the country's "first-aid cabinet" and take from it billions of dollars to use as political ointments and splints and bandages.

No wonder there's a scarcity of reporters for the newspapers of this nation! Uncle Sam, even without a regular newspaper of his own, manages to keep a 652 press agents on his payroll. And never a one of them is allowed to make a snap... for how can you, when all you... give the press a "hand-out."

#### Addressing a national convention of the DAR recently, Frank Hughes, of the Chicago Tribune, said: "A survey of more than 450 of the most widely used social science textbooks shows that every one of them encourages socialist thinking in the students." If Mr. Hughes' statement is correct, or even half so, he has a real problem to the lay citizens of this nation.

#### Business Doubled

"Our business has doubled since advertising in The Eccentric. We have reached people we never had hopes of contacting before." So reports S. W. Paquette of 4288 Oak Grove Ave., Birmingham. These results he obtained by running the following ad:

S. W. PAUQUETTE  
Free estimates on painting and papering. We will guarantee our work. Repair, re-stain, or even half so. See, Call Mayfair 5-1736 or Lincoln 1-0463.



JEAN MACARTHUR WAIVES FRIENDLY GOODBYE AS PROCESSION LEAVES BIRMINGHAM. In her car was Col. Lawrence Bunker, one of the General's aides. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

### Friendly Smile Endears General's Lady to All

By ALICE E. MORGAN

I was assigned to be at the side of Mrs. Douglas MacArthur's car when "Birmingham's First Ladies" were presented. I was not there—the crowd took care of that! I saw the "First Ladies" approach the car, started toward me, and by the time I arrived they had paid their respects and were gone. While the crowd could not see my assigned story, it also gave me a wonderful break. That crowd kept me pressed tight to the side of the car, only a few inches away from this famous lady. I was able to see exactly why, everywhere she went, people fall under the spell of her charm.

#### Briggs Estate Might Become Private Club

Future use of the 148-acre "Walbridge" estate of the late Walter O. Briggs must await engineering studies that use will be made of it, said a spokesman for a group of four top Ford executives who have purchased the property. "It is much too early to tell what the ultimate plans will be. It might be possible to use it as an exclusive club or other highly restricted use," he said. He added that the studies might show it possible to sell off a small portion of the area for residential sites.

#### HE EMPHASIZED that the group was not interested in subdividing the entire estate for residential purposes. "If that is what the engineering studies indicate should be done, the group undoubtedly will sell it to a developer," he explained. "I presently can be considered merely an investment." The purchasers of the property are Mr. Briggs' principal residence, beautiful formal gardens, swimming pool, farm buildings, caretaker's houses and estate manager's residence. Considered one of the most beautiful of Bloomfield Hills properties, it probably is the largest acreage and ground development. The estate, which also contains two private lakes, is located on East Long lake road at Squires road.

#### Transaction details were handled by Mrs. Sue Stall of Snyder, Kinney & Bennett, Inc., and Harry Sisson, secretary of the Briggs Commercial & Development Co.

#### IT WILL TAKE about 60 days before the deed can be turned over to the buyers, after which the engineering studies will begin. The real estate firm called this sale "the largest sale of record of estate-type properties in the Bloomfield Hills area in nearly 25 years."

#### COMMISSIONERS discussed the only other new item in the coming budget, the parking utility fund. Mayor Dean G. Beier explained that parking meter revenue in the coming year will not be placed in the general fund, but will be placed

### Interesting Sidelights On MacArthur's Visit

"Very tired" aptly describes the condition of General MacArthur when he arrived in Birmingham—for his day had begun shortly after 5:30 o'clock as he arose from his bed in Kellogg Center, East Lansing, that morning, to begin his caravan trip to Detroit and thence to Pontiac by way of southern Oakland County communities.

That is why he failed to stand up in the open car as he made his brief remarks over the loud-speaker system set up for the occasion. Realizing that at that time comparatively few people in the crowd of 4,000 had seen the General, George R. Averill, who headed up the local committee on arrangements, asked the General to stand up and slowly circle his gaze and wave at the assemblage. This he did. Scores of amateur photographers in the crowd clicked their camera shutters in that brief moment.

David A. Hallack, a Birmingham resident until last September when he moved to Huntington Woods, served as public relations man for the MacArthur visit in Michigan. He and Ruth Stevens, Detroit's lady governor, went ahead of the MacArthur motorcade by about 10 minutes to see that local arrangements were in keeping with protocol.

#### FAMOUS GENERAL SPEAKS INTO MICROPHONE

Just before continuing to Pontiac. (Joe Wheeler Photo)

#### Troy NHS Greeted Charter Members

Twenty students of Troy high school became charter members of the school's National Honor Society at initiation services conducted Monday by the Peradole chapter of NHS under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Harper. Eleventh graders who are the first to join the Troy chapter are June Akers, Paula Baugh, Mary Haney, Mary Lou Kitchner, James Lockhart, David Lowe, Janet Robertson and Robert Short. Seniors inducted into NHS are John Acton, Blanche Baker, Annette Berg, Colin Fisher, Charles Gardner, Joyce Garrett, Doris Hildebrand, David Miller, David Rickabus, Duane Robertson, Gail Wright and Richard Downs.

#### Hills Budget Hearing

A public hearing to approve the 1952-53 city budget of the City of Bloomfield Hills has been called for May 28 at 8 p.m. in the commission room.

#### Budget Is Approved With No Changes

With few minor changes the city's 1952-53 fiscal year budget of \$1,089,425 was adopted by city commissioners Monday night. An anticipated increase in revenues will hold the tax rate to last year's figure of \$19.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, according to city officials. Only actual changes in the budget since the previous budgetary transferring two weeks ago is the contingent fund to the office manager's purchase fund. The discovery of an additional \$400 in the election fund, added to the \$1,000, will enable the city to purchase a tax billing machine.

#### THE NEW BUDGET represents an increase of \$56,335.35 over last year's approved spending. It includes a 7 1/2 cent increase for hourly-rated city employees and a 3 1/2 per cent increase for all salaried workers with the exception of the city manager.

### Birmingham Ties For Second Place In Traffic Safety

Birmingham has been awarded a second place tie with Rocky River, Ohio, by the National Safety Council, in the cities with 10,000 to 25,000 population in the National Safety Contest for 1951. The police department also has been recognized with an award for achievement in keeping accident records and an honorable mention in the law enforcement division.

Chief Ralph W. Moxley has received communications from both the Safety Council and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, congratulating the city on the awards. The city commission Monday night received the letter from the Safety Council and Mayor Dean G. Beier congratulated the police department for its record.

EACH YEAR the Safety Council distributes questionnaires to all cities active in the safety program to compile comparative records of all municipalities and methods being used to further the safety program. During 1950 there were 353 cities in the same population bracket as Birmingham participating in the program. Commissioners agreed with a letter received from Mrs. Martin C. Schaefer asking that the commission hold a preliminary budget hearing a week previous to adopting the budget, but stated that Monday night's session was the last possible one for the newly-coming budget before the May 24 deadline.

Commissioner Lance C. Minor added that an informal meeting on the budget would be helpful to residents before they tackled the budget in formal session. An amendment to the city charter that will be in effect July 1 will enable the commission to spend more time next year on the budget with a later deadline of June 15.

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#### EARLY NEWS AND ADVERTISING COPY NEXT WEEK, PLEASE

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday The Birmingham Eccentric will be closed both Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31. News sources and advertisers are urged to advance the submission of their copy accordingly.

#### LED BY motorcycle escort, the General and his wife arrived in Birmingham at 5:30 p.m. and was greeted by the local delegation. Birmingham's own general, two-star Stanley E. Reinhart (retired), was introduced to Simon Denly, president of the Michigan Colleges Foundation, who was accompanying General MacArthur during Friday's festivities. Denly introduced Reinhart to MacArthur, and Reinhart then introduced to the General the chairman of local arrangements George P. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, Mayor Dean G. Beier, and Mayor Dean G. Beier.

#### MEANWHILE, Mrs. Reinhart, Mrs. Denly and Mrs. Beier were being introduced to Mrs. MacArthur, who was in an open car behind the General's motorcade. After Mayor Beier introduced MacArthur over the public address system, the famous visitor made a short statement in which he said he was pleased to be able to visit Birmingham. "I want to thank you for the splendid welcome you have accorded me," he said. "I am especially glad to be here for I had some boys from your city who served with me and served well."

#### AS THE General's car stopped, it was immediately surrounded by the crowd which closed in from all sides. After the introductions and the brief postponement of the procession moved on at 5:40 to continue to Pontiac. Included as part of the ceremonies was a color guard supplied by the American Legion and the Y.W.C.A. and a band of uniformed troops of boy and girl scouts.

#### Class of '27 Plans Reunion

Members of the 1927 Baldwin high school class held two meetings this month to make plans for the 25th reunion of the class to be celebrated on June 6 and 7. The class plans a dinner to be held at the Kingsley Inn, Woodward at Long Lake road, June 7. Formal dedication of a portrait of the late Melvin C. Hart, former Baldwin school principal, will be made at the new high school on June 8. The committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hewitt, Huntington Woods, to complete homecoming plans.

#### Buddy Poppies to Bloom in Bham. This Week

Buddy Poppies will bloom again in Birmingham. City commissioners have given approval for the sale to be held on city streets either May 28, 29 or 30. Sale of the poppies not only provides funds for work among veterans, but gives unemployed men confined to hospitals throughout the country.