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Because of their inhumanity to man, upon the March 12, 1945, they were...
honoring the soldier dead will be held...
all over the United States. Graves will...
be decorated, and the medals made...
and yet again we will be plunged into...
new and more deadly wars.

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and **THAT**
By G. R. A.

Men of Great Stature
Men of great stature always have been rare on this earth. Indeed, just as there are but comparatively few great Sequoia trees out of billions of trees on this earth's bosom, so there are but a mere handful of men who stand down in the history books as giants among their kind.
General Douglas MacArthur, I believe, is such a man.
Brilliant in war as he has been, he is equally brilliant in statesmanship. The mistakes he has made (and who among the great "hans") on the battlefield, so in the course of making mistakes in statesmanship, he does not maintain, himself, that infallibility marks his every move.
It was such a man who, two weeks ago, found hundreds of those of admirals and friends when he visited Michigan.

IT MUST WARM the cockles of his heart, and of Mrs. MacArthur's, as they go about the United States and receive welcome from the communities they pass through.
His brief and his stop in Birmingham created no terrific change in our city, of course.
As we can remember, it is that, in that short passing through, one of our times' immortalized by the name of MacArthur came. The little ghosts of our current generation's leadership are swallowed up in the larger shadow that MacArthur casts.
Whether or not you believe in him, you do not believe in him, the fact remains that it is he and his that sculpture the barbarian into the civilized man. Our nation, and the world, is fortunate in his warm sunshine and light, from the forest and jungle of mankind.

Open Records!
Michigan's Junior Senator, Blair Moody, proposes to open up the channels of legitimate information that are now closed as the result of President Truman's executive order some months ago. As a long-time reporter himself, Moody knows what can happen in a government whose activities are kept secret.
We applaud Senator Moody's intention that he will disregard mere political partisanship in the doing.
Under the Truman administration, Moody may not achieve all that he seeks, his honest intentions and efforts in that direction are marks of good citizenship.
Mr. Blair, and show your constituents that you mean business!

Do you know your governmental bureau become larger and larger, thus requiring you to pay more taxes to support them? Do you know the reason why? It is **JOBBS**. Politicians acquire more votes when they create jobs. Do you know the reason for this? It is **CONSTITUTIONAL**. Do you know the reason for this? It is **THE CONSTITUTION**. And last, but not least, is the desire on the part of so many to get jobs (and they hope) in government. But you, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, say the least.

PERKY, WHO is about the size of a frog, lives in a tree-house beside the pool which is the home of Charles and Hubert. They are neighbors to Hooky and Albert (ground floor apartment) and of the Owls, who live on the second floor. There are also the members of the Owl family, Mr. and Mrs. Owl and their two children, Johnny and Susie, and the frog, Charles, and Hubert the fish.
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TEENY had a trip to Florida, was a racing car driver and even went out west to be a cowboy. His trips are never complete in each issue of Larry's comic books.
Larry named Lil' Abner and Nancy as his favorite cartoon characters.
The quality of the boy's work is amazing, but even more so is the way he does it. In a matter of only a few minutes he will draw one or even several of his characters. His touch is firm and sure, with no sign of hesitancy. The lines are strong and clear with a wonderful sense of perspective shown in every drawing.

HE DRAWS easily and his mind is full of detail in every drawing. He simply draws, with no more fuss than the average person would make about drinking a glass of water.
During his visit to The Eccentric office the staff stood around the lad, commenting on his work and the way he did it. Larry just smiled a bit and went on with his drawing of Hooky and Albert.
John W. Robertson and his brother, and a sister. The latter was to publish the "Family News" a little paper which she prepared to keep the family informed on the happenings in her life.
Larry says none of his family is "in" at drawing and that he just does it. He says he works "when he wants to. Sometimes a day, sometimes only once or twice a week."
"I like to draw," he tells you, "I like to do a lot of things, but I like to draw something to draw. I draw it."
Larry wants to be cartoonist and he has a lot of ideas. The Eccentric staff who have little doubt about his making the grade.

STRICTLY FRESH
ITS time for fishermen and their wives to get their lines in shape.
Fresh Communists plan a protest demonstration when Gen. Matthew Ridgway takes over the NATO command from General Eisenhower. See even the Reds "Like Ike."
An elephant in the Washington zoo stayed outside in the rain for three days before entering the house.
The same man robbed an Indian of his shoes in two weeks. Stockholders?



LARRY ROBERTSON DEMONSTRATES WORK
Youngsters draws two cartoon characters

Youthful Cartoonist Shows Amazing Talent

By ALICE E. MORGAN

His name is Lawrence Robertson and he lives at 655 Greenwood. He wants to be a cartoonist and there is every indication that it is not just an idle wish.

Larry (that's what all his friends call him), is eight years old and has been "doing comic books for about a year." His first character was Teeny Mouse, the subject of about 25 comic books done by Larry during the past year.

Larry's a nice youngster, sure of his ability, blessed with praise and not a bit cocky about it. He explained that, when he was younger he drew a character, but now that he's getting older he can see improvements in his work.
His characters have spread so far that he has two dogs (brothers) who are Hooky and Albert, full of pep for everything he does.
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Prizes will consist of place ribbons for the first four places in each event. There will also be a trophy awarded to the high point boy in each age division.
Each boy participating is permitted to enter two events in his age bracket. Class A will be for 12-13 and Class C for the 9 to 11 year olds. A fourth class will be open to all boys 16 years old and over.
EACH DIVISION WILL include the 50-yard dash, the broad jump, pole vault and shot put. Class A will run the 110-yard low hurdles while Class B and Class C will run 50-yard low hurdles. A 100-yard dash event will be held for Class A.
The "open" class events will include 110-yard high hurdles, 100-yard dash, 880-yard run and the 200-yard dash.
Chairman of this year's meet is Rollie Reese. Handling arrangements are Frank Whitney who will be assisted by Kermit Ambrose, Fred Gibson, John Petrakis, Vincent Sumera and Lewis Parry.
Art McCall will be clerk of the course. Ambrose will be referee and Ernie Bryant will be in charge of prizes. Dick Ernest will be the starter.

Southfield Set For Resurfacing

Southfield, between a Lincoln avenue and the 8 Mile road, scheduled for resurfacing this summer. Oakland County Road Commissioner Leon J. Belkap disclosed Tuesday.
Bids are to be received July 5, and the county expects the job to be done in the next few months, he said.

School District Voters Must Register by June 2

Persons wishing to vote in the June 9 school board election have until Monday, June 2, to register. Mrs. Irene Stevens, board accountant, said this week that charge of line had been extended due to the Memorial Day holiday.
Two candidates, Frank S. Campbell and William Spence are seeking re-election to the board for four-year terms. Elaine Helmer, a third candidate, is making her first bid for office.
All males of voting age are required to register. ROYAL MATTHEWS COMPANY, PHONE, ENTERPRISE 6318.

Local GOP to Conduct Intensive 10-Day Vote Registration Campaign

Every doorbell in Birmingham will be rung between June 4 and 14 to make sure every Republican in the city can vote in the forthcoming state primary and general elections.
During those ten days 400 block workers for the Birmingham Republican Committee will conduct a concentrated registration drive.

"It's a simple thing to vote, but many people just have to be reminded that they can't vote unless they register," said Richard C. Van Dusen, of 1722 Pine, committee chairman.
"And that is the job the committee intends to do: to get every so-called 'lazy voter' registered. We want them to realize that if they haven't registered before July 7 they won't be able to vote in the primaries Aug. 5."

THE BLOCK WORKERS who will contact every eligible voter are the basis of a registration organization formed under the direction of registration chairman William H. Baldwin, 638 Westwood and Colin H. John, 731 Suffield.
Working directly under Baldwin are John and Colin in each of the city's eight precincts, who in turn have appointed eight lieutenants.

Through a central clearinghouse supplied by the captains and lieutenants, the committee will be certain that no one is missed.
Captains and their precincts are: J. Neil W. Hyde, 611 Chesterfield; 2. John C. Emery Jr., 424 Baldwin; 3. Morley Walker, 1563 Yorkshire; 4. Ray Ewell, 171 East Lincoln; 5. Allen J. Harwood, 1932 Melton; 6. Dorr Lovett, 1929 Stanley; 7. George G. Counselman, 1927 Graefeld; and 8. Tom E. Ward 1684 West Lincoln.

DEADLINE FOR registering for the primary elections is July 7. "We want everyone to register before then, however," said Van Dusen. "The candidates are chosen at the primary elections, and we want every Republican to have a say in who those candidates will be."
City Clerk Irene Hanley will take registrations at the Municipal Building daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clerk's office also will be open until 9 p.m. Monday evening, and from 8 a.m. until noon Saturdays.

The requirements for voting eligibility are these: you must be 21 and you must have lived six months in Michigan, and 90 days in Birmingham.

IF YOU HAVE moved from one precinct to another within the city you must notify Miss Hanley of the move, so that your name will be entered among the eligible voters of your new precinct.
But if you have not changed residence and you have had your precinct changed by the recent reapportionment, the job already had been done for you.

"These are the things we are after in this drive," said Van Dusen. "There are several minor ways in which a voter can disfranchise himself, and our object is to make certain he can, and will vote."
"And we'll keep after people until they are registered. We want Birmingham to vote in 1952."

THE SCHEDULE will run for six weeks, ending August 16. The league hopes to field an all-star team to be sent to the national finals of the Intermediate Baseball Association at the end of the season.

Council Election Today

Annual election of officers is scheduled for the luncheon meeting of the Birmingham Community Council at the Community Center, May 29. Following the election, new and retiring officers will hold a joint meeting which will be the final session of the season.

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UNTIL A FEW WEEKS ago you wouldn't have been able to look to the east (and Adams road) under this railroad viaduct. Originally designed to carry traffic under the Grand Trunk and when 16 Mile road was extended through to Woodward (US-10), it has been hidden by weeds and brush until recently. After several years of negotiations, the city of Birmingham,

Ceremony at Cemetery Opens Memorial Program

EARLY NEWS AND ADVERTISING COPY THIS 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.

Final Tryouts Set For Little League
Final try-out session for Little League baseball will be held Saturday, May 31, at Harmon Field.
Selection of players will be made by team managers early next week and individual players selected will be contacted by the managers after selections are made.
League officials urge all boys who have come out for the try-outs to be present Saturday. A league rule that must be lived up to is that any player missing at least 50 per cent of the try-out sessions will be held ineligible for league play.

Down To Business For Intermediate League Baseball
The Intermediate League baseball league is ready to swing into operation Saturday, May 31, at St. James Field.
The practice will continue until opening day of the season June 16 at St. James. Starting time will be 6:15 p.m.
Each player selected will be contacted by his manager as to the time and the place of his team's practice.
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TEAM MANAGERS and coaches have been selected for the four-team league.
Working for the Belaires will be Don Grove, manager; Mike Groves, coach. For the Chiefs will be manager, Bob Thompson and coach Jim MacFarlan. Fred Peterson will manage the Harvesters with coach John Sheldon assisting. Don Morehead and Kermit Ambrose will co-manage the Rockets with Charles Wood as coach.
Each team will have 15 active players with substitutes permissible in the event of illness or absence. Regular games will be played Monday through Thursday night with Friday night fast week makeup days.

Greater Detroit Hospital Drive Surpasses Goal

The \$19,720,000 campaign objective of the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund has been oversubscribed and the \$20,000,000 mark has been reached. It is disclosed in the final report of the Board of Trustees, released for publication today. A surplus of \$400,000, representing income from Hospital Fund investments, will be available for distribution to the 14 participating hospitals in the program.
At a press conference this week, James B. Webber, Jr., fund president, described the result as the largest sum sought or achieved in a federated hospital campaign anywhere in the country or in the world.
"As soon as details have been completed for collecting the last of the pledges and making final disbursements to the participating hospitals," he continued, "the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund will have fulfilled every phase of the responsibility for which it was created and will then go out of existence."
Webber stressed that contributions are being put to immediate use in creating urgently-needed additional hospital facilities for the Greater Detroit area. One of the four new hospitals has already been finished, several of the expansion projects are completed, and the rest are in various stages of a full construction or are about to begin.
APPROXIMATELY 2,000 additional beds for patients and facilities for diagnosis, therapy, professional education and research, will be supplied through the program.
The 14 projects represent an overall investment of \$35 million dollars, the hospital fund president said, with additional monies coming from reserves of individual hospitals and from other sources to supplement allocations by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund.
These construction programs, therefore, comprise the major portion of a community-wide movement of hospital enlargement and improvement costing a total of 60 million dollars. This is described as the most comprehensive effort to strengthen the hospital system of any American city and, Webber said, is making Detroit "one of the best cities in the world."
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LWV Asks Many Special Guests To Voters Rally
Candidates for the primary election and new voters are being invited to attend the birthday party at St. James church on June 12, following the political rally of the Birmingham League of Women Voters is sponsoring.
The rally will be held at the rear of Hill school immediately after the old-fashioned Torch Light parade.
Mrs. Colin Campbell, general chairman, said that the party, being called the 21-year-old birthday party, is planned for young people who this year will cast their first presidential election votes.

ITS PURPOSE is to get them acquainted with primary candidates and inform them about voting procedure and registration of voters.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pomeroy, Jr., will be chairman of the new voters group. They are working to bring together vicinity graduates dating back to 1946.
Mrs. Warren T. Olsen is chairman of table arrangements. Other hostesses at the party, which will feature a large birthday cake, are Mrs. I. Norvell Hubbard, Mrs. Paul K. Reed and Mrs. O. Ford Pearson.
Invitations, which will number more than 500, are in charge of Mrs. Robert E. Stacey, Mrs. Floyd Blunt, Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Brooks Whipple.

Parade Follows At 11 A.M.

Two changes have been made in Birmingham's Memorial Day plans for this year, including a time change for the parade and the appearance of a military band. Under the sponsorship of the American Legion and VFW, the ceremonies will open at Woodward cemetery at 10:15 with prayer by the Rev. Leslie A. Bechtel of Kirk in the Hills church, a salute to the dead by a firing squad from Battery B, 17th Field Artillery battalion, and taps by members of the high school band.
The parade which is a part of the annual observance, will form at Woodward and London 11 a.m., marching north on Woodward to Maple, then to the city hall for the 40 program.

COL. BRUCE BOOTH, ORC, former mayor of Birmingham, will be the main speaker.
Others appearing on the program will be the sponsorship of the Rev. Robert Graham of the Presbyterian church, the Rev. Harold Towne of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Charles Mintz, who will place the memorial wreath at the flag pole base.
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URGES CAUTION AS WEEKEND HOLIDAY SEASON APPROACHES
Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Meekins urged motorists to exercise extreme caution during the coming weekend.
"Police department gives you full credit for this record and sincerely hopes you will continue to drive carefully."

National Guard Seeks Recruits in Birmingham

Michigan National Guard's special drive for recruits is being featured in Birmingham by a window display in the Mustang store, which is a 30 cal. machine gun, .31-mm mortar and 35-inch bazooka. The display of equipment and the men who operate them are in the platoon of M/Sgt. Everett Austin, 1509 Cole, of Co. M, 129th Inf.
"Young men between the ages of 17 and 35, who are physically fit, are needed in the Guard, according to recruiting officers. It was also pointed out that any young man joining the Guard before reaching 35 years is draft exempt as long as he remains in the organization."

Troy Twp. Blood Bank

Among the early June appointments for the Red Cross mobile blood bank in the Oakland County is the June 9 appearance at the Troy township hall. Under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Bradlee Pruden, 491 Hanna, the unit will be at the hall from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Happy Lady

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