

Gen. Vandenberg a Militarist, Not a Business Man

We have no way of doubting the basic military abilities, as a combat officer, of Air Force General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

But we do have some decided notions as to his fundamental business executive abilities.

As you know, the General is retiring from active service June 30, and his valedictory recently has been to heap criticism upon the new Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, and his Deputy, Roger M. Kyes.

VANDENBERG HOTLY ARGUES that to do so would jeopardize the safety of the United States. Yet the President, himself a military man of quite some reputation, goes along with the Wilson-Kyes thinking.

To us, the attitude of Vandenberg fits into the pattern of most government bureaucrats, whose rule is: "Get all you can while the getting is good and then be sure to spend it."

We are willing to go along with business men whose own private successes give greater assurance of their concern for the taxpayers than is generally the case where congenial tax-spenders are left with such responsibility.

The Little Lady Is Crowned

Now that the current British guardians of Christianity have placed a crown upon the head of Queen Elizabeth, anointed her with oil, and pledged her "to uphold the faith", the pageantry and ceremony is finished, and the little lady is fully robed in the temporal and spiritual powers of her office.

Limited monarchy is yet held in deep personal respect and esteem by the English people. Even though their masses go for Socialism, they cling to the symbols conscribed in the posterity of feudal nobility.

Two Great Leaders

Two outstanding Washington Republicans are mighty important not only to this country, but their attitudes and acts have tremendous impact upon the whole world.

They are President Eisenhower and Senator Taft. The latter knows more about government, its possibilities and its limitations, than does the President. Taft

also has a large character stature of his own.

But these two leaders already have proved that they can compromise on most differences. Let us hope that, when they don't, neither one will be held up as unfriendly to the fundamental tenets of Americanism. Great men can disagree agreeably.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

POSTMASTER - GENERAL ARTHUR E. Summerfield, a successful businessman himself, has set out on a four-year plan to inject better economy and efficiency into the department he now heads.

During the past generation there probably has been more universal international strife and bloodshed than in any similar period in mankind's entire history.

Typical of the pattern of Communism to "educate" and control newly-conquered peoples of Eastern Europe are the loud-speakers installed in many villages and cities, each blaring forth day and night bits of propaganda.

It is generally agreed that most sports fans express their sympathies for the underdog. If that be the case, the Tigers ought to have almost unanimous boosting so far this season.

What started out to be a comparatively simple birthday party for Donald S. Leonard, Detroit's police commissioner, when he reaches 50 years of age June 23, apparently spiraled into a \$10,000 affair—due to the enthusiasm of some of Don's friends.

What has become of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as an articulate American leader whose military opinions are so much needed these days? Of course, his ideas are well known, but, like everything that has to be sold to the public, constant repetition of them must be done if they are to be accepted (at least in large part) by American policy-makers.

A noted geologist says that terrific under-water tidal waves have been recorded making a speed of 490 miles per hour. When this wall of sea water reaches a shallow continental shelf it crests and becomes a dangerous visible wave; the energy contained within it eclipses any other man has yet made.

Another Memorial Day has gone into history and as each succeeding one has come during this 20th Century an ever-increasing number of graves hold the bodies of war's hungry appetite for Death. With all its vaunted progress, mankind still searches for the method of achieving lasting peace.

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On the Outside Looking In

SECRET TALKS



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

30 YEARS AGO June 8, 1923 The Lord did a good thing when He struck the Presbyterian church last week. Subscribers were taken in and in time at all a new cement walk was laid in front of the church property.

About 30 members of the High school senior class attended a party at the new Community House, Thursday evening given by Mrs. Henry Berg of Pierce street. The affair was given in honor of Miss Margaret Berz, a member of the class.

Mrs. H. J. Johnson, of Southside, spent a number of days with Mrs. Fuller recently. Mrs. Johnson will be 92 years old in September. She is a remarkable woman in many ways.

Birmingham's P-T Ass'n. has gone on record as backing the board of education in its plans for an addition to Baldwin high school. The group said they felt it necessary that immediate steps be taken in the matter.

30 YEARS AGO June 8, 1923 A public hearing is slated for Monday evening when dog owners may express their views against stricter enforcement of Birmingham's ordinance. City officials, tired of complaints about roaming dogs, are planning corrective measures which will be costly as well as time consuming for the owners.

15 YEARS AGO June 8, 1938 The Birmingham fire department's annual review and drill exhibit was trained out Monday. Just as officials completed their inspection of the building, one of the season's heaviest rain storms struck, giving everyone indoors.

30 YEARS AGO June 8, 1923 Harry Cockburn of Pierce street was given a beautiful gold watch last Friday by the parish of St. Vincent's Paul church in Pontiac, in appreciation of his work in the construction of the new St. Frederic's school.

More than 200 outstanding American show horses are among the 750 entries which will take part in the Detroit horse show opening tonight at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club. Show profits will be divided between St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, and the Salvation Army.

J. F. MacGregor, Charles Edwards, Post commandant this week that the American Legion would sponsor a benefit drive here to help the boys of the Salvation Army home services program.

Eugene Walton, on whose land the village desires to drill a well, has the highest heels and hose that it might be a year before the village and the work started.

PEOPLE READ all these words otherwise require a lot of constant care. For walks through shady dell, be sure you have the sheers and the highest heels and hose that are only a wish of feather.

The Junior League Thrift Shop, operated at the Community House, ended the year with a profit of \$1,000. P. B. Hoffman, chairman, said today.

Just to be different, we're going to tell you how to have a perfectly memorable time during the summer. Our theory for doing so is this: Dump the youngsters in the back seat with a pretty good stack of the luggage and for heaven's sake don't provide them with any books or reading material. Without them they will get bored quicker, will find more things to quarrel about and plan to skip at a hotel which lures them for wondrous stands selling ice cream cones, hot dogs and soft drinks.

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE BY ALICE E. MORGAN

big city dollars to help things along. ANOTHER way to get more out of your vacation is to ignore all and all information regarding poison ivy. Don't, under any circumstances, go to your library and find out what it looks like. If you do that you'll worry about every plant you see which happens to have three leaves, or ten and all thicket, make crows for the entire party wherever you find a vine suitable for this type of head gear.

TAKE THE DOG along, but be sure you forget his collar, license and lead. Pretty good idea to leave his food dishes under the sink, too, especially if you have a dog who will eat at which lures them down on livestock. Now, with all this sound advice for fun, too—have a wonderful vacation. See you!

First thing, buy a flock of clothes, if you're planning a long trip, which will wrinkle easily and otherwise require a lot of constant care. For walks through shady dell, be sure you have the sheers and the highest heels and hose that are only a wish of feather. Secondly, don't under any circumstances make advance reservations. It's more fun to go roaming around in the small hours looking for a place to park your weary family. You meet some interesting citizens this way, too.

Want us, cannot be accepted after 5 o'clock Tuesday.

YOU WILL remember your vacation longer if you will arrange to spend hour after hour in the burning sun. A sandy beach or a cool rock will bring back the heat beautifully, helping you to avoid that "bone on one side" look. Now, if you're planning on going to the country and to get in some riding, be sure you have the sheers and the highest heels and hose that are only a wish of feather. Besides all that, some small town doctor can always save some

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

It is to be hoped that everyone this week is enjoying the sudden jump from winter into summer. Maybe we'll get a doily long spring next year.

do or think as you do. You may be in the majority today—and the minority tomorrow.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley admits Birmingham could stand up to Birmingham several more points along our streets. "A 2-inch galvanized pipe, which these signs require, will be a pretty hard thing to get," he explains.

Each time we see the statistics on the number of people in mental institutions, we realize the importance of hobbies and other means of using spare time.

How fast would it take you to spend \$1,171,405? It took the Birmingham city commission only about 100 seconds last week to adopt its 1953-54 municipal budget.

Miss Louise Gardner, of Chicago, Illinois, who, eighty-one years old, has a hobby of collecting dolls. She now has more than five hundred, many of which are antiques and more than one hundred years old. She has dolls made of wax, tin and copper, tobacco leaves, pecans and seeds.

As the city's traffic consultant recently claimed, it may be true that the city would spend more money than it is worth if the Oakland - Willett - Woodward intersection was straightened. However, the only maze people like to find themselves in when they pay admission to the "house of mirrors" in an amusement park.

Mrs. Carolyn Goldsmith, of Milford, Connecticut, has a hobby which is less expensive. She makes hooked rugs and wall hangings out of strips cut from discarded old stockings. The strips are worked on burlap. With strips of old stockings of about three-fourths of an

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