

Even 'Minute Men' Worried About Defense of Cities

ANN ARBOR—The "Minute Men's" ideas of urban defense, or maps of Revolutionary War strongholds and their fortifications, currently are on display at the University of Michigan Clements Library.

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reel in picturing the war, these choice Revolutionary War maps are from the papers of Sir Henry Clinton, British Commander-in-Chief in America from 1778 to 1782.

The collection contains half manuscript maps, the only copies in existence, and half printed ones published for public information. For example, there is a printed map of Philadelphia, showing its downriver defenses, the course of the Delaware River and even wooden stockades built under the water to prevent vessels from passing up the river.

ONE OF THE most sought after

battle prizes was the territory of South Carolina, which the British first tried to capture in 1776. Located directly in the passageway into Charlestown was a stronghold fort built of palmetto logs.

The defenses, including the fort, all are illustrated in one of the exhibit maps. failing in their first attempt, the British finally succeeded in 1780, when they landed downriver and marched overland, taking the city on May 12. The American who surrendered, Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, was the same officer who later was permitted by Washington to receive Cornwallis's sword of surrender.

The British strategy, including the overland march, is shown on a second exhibit map.

ALSO IS THE display is a linen-mounted map of St. Augustine's harbor and its defenses. Held by the British, the territory was a haven of loyalists. After the war, America obtained the harbor and promptly gave it to Spain in return for that country's help.

According to another exhibit piece, the Spanish had captured Pensacola in 1781, and the diagram carefully shows the battle situations of the fleet used in the maneuver.

The Clements Library exhibit is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The present display will last until the middle of December.

Troy School Supt. Feted at Dinner

At a dinner given in his honor Tuesday night at the Birmingham Community House, Stuart K. Baker, superintendent of Troy schools, was presented with an engraved watch by his hosts, the Birmingham Kiwanis club, in honor of his 25 years of service in Troy township schools.

Kiwanian C. R. MacDonald stated, "Mr. Baker was selected and he being cited for his splendid achievements in education and public relations throughout the Troy district in recent years, and for his school nurse a speech correctionist, and this year, an adult education program."

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SO BEGINNING in 1934, Baker began adding one high school class per year until in 1938 the first senior high school class was graduated from Big Beaver.

Shortly after coming to Big Beaver, Baker foresaw that the only solution to educational problems in Troy township lay in a consolidation of schools. He led the movement for consolidation but it was not until 1948 that his plans became a reality.

In 1948 the various districts voted to combine and Baker was named superintendent of the entire district.

Since consolidation, Baker reports that many benefits have been reaped by the community through collective action that would not



STUART K. BAKER

have been possible by individual, small districts.

SERVICES THAT have been added to the schools include bus transportation, a home economics department, physical education program, industrial arts, a full time school nurse, a speech correctionist, and this year, an adult education program.

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Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Dettlinger and children, Gail, age 15, and Jeff, age 12. Coming from Detroit, the Dettlingers reside at 18388 Hillcrest boulevard. He is assistant factory manager for Fitzsimons Manufacturing company, manufacturers of automotive parts. A graduate of Wayne University, he is interested in electronics, photography, hunting and fishing.

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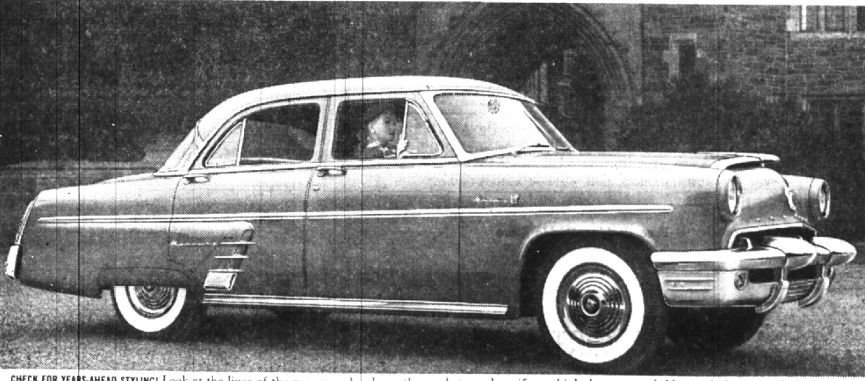
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