

College Town's Monument Is 'Dignified' Water Tower

Do you admire water towers? If so, it may be worth a pilgrimage to Ypsilanti where you will see a magnificent one. It rises tall on the highest place in town, where two main streets come together, on the edge of Eastern Michigan University Campus.

There are no other buildings to rival it nearby; not even the modern library on the university's Pierce Hall.

The 25-year-old water tower looks like something out of the ancient world, and serves as a dignified monument for the town.

It reminds one of the Benjamin Franklin monument surmounting a tower of old city Hall in Philadelphia, and it seems to say "peace."

MANY STUDENTS and townsfolk who look at this tower daily are transfixed to some degree by its imposing appearance. Travelers to the town realize that they have arrived at their destination when they see the tower; it is the landmark they were told to look for.

Early in the morning as you roll into the town by bus from the west, you will see the water tower rising in the mist above you, a splendid and stately object.

In recent years, city fathers have recognized the tower as a symbol of Ypsilanti and Eastern Michigan University. Road signs intended to give directions to travelers are being drawn with the water tower in the background.

ITS STRANGE religious influence is recognized by a rune-like "sign of the cross" to be found about the double doors that give admittance to the musty interior. Centuries from now, perhaps, the tower will be considered a relic from a civilization that preceded the discoveries of Columbus.

Built in 1889, at a cost of \$23,500.00, it is without a single structural flaw. The 250,000-gallon tank had to be circular, of course, and so the design is entirely functional.

The site, adjacent to a college campus and in the midst of a better residential area, was a logical choice because of the high ground.

IT IS STILL in use, but it represents an era that has virtually disappeared. At one time it held all the water used in Ypsilanti. It now supplies about a third.

The report contains the drawing of circular stone walls formed with the purpose of upholding a tremendous steel tank served with an eight-inch intake pipe, a distribution pipe, and a four-inch overflow drain. Whoever drew the design never bothered to inscribe his name.

HE DIDN'T know he was making a monument. It is possible that he was following the design of prototypes that were elevated and protected against poisoning of the water by Indians. Round window openings toward the top suggest a double purpose as a battlement-tower.

At the base it is a perfect circle with a radius of about twenty feet. The outer wall is three-and-a-half feet thick, and two inner walls are the same. It tapers to a height of eighty-five feet, then a softly contoured hood of aged shingles, with a patina of dark brown, hides the massive tank from vulgar gaze. This hood snags close to 150 feet into the sky!

AT THE BASE is a sculptured bust of General Demetrius Ypsilanti, hero of the early 19th century Greek war of liberation, after whom the city of Ypsilanti was named. It seems appropriate that his noble, military face looks out upon the town from a vantage point so close to this tower.

In a way the tower belongs to the general. It seems to emerge from the past and a period of history when the struggles of man were glorious and the free spirit of heroes emerged triumphant. The peaceful uses of the tower suggest that liberty was obtained by the rugged character of bold men.

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Melt ¼ cup Shedd's Safflower Margarine in saucepan over low heat.
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