

Veterans Announce Memorial Day Top Guest

FARMINGTON staff of the U.S. Air Force with headquarters in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Announcement of Gen. Lester F. Miller, Gen. Miller's acceptance was made by Wilfred J. Puranen, chairman of the 1971 Veterans Memorial Day Services committee.

Annual Memorial Day parade lasting 90 minutes. Appearing in the parade will be the Air Force Band plus mobilized equipment from all armed forces branches, various organizations, Miss Americana queen, the Liberty Belles, Founders Festival queen, scouting units, military personnel, school bands and ROTC units. For the past two years,

Miller has been directing personnel training and education for the Air Force. Prior to that, he was chief of staff of the Air Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Tex. His decorations include the legion of merit, distinguished flying cross, air medal and Army commendation medal.

MILLER was born in Dearborn County, Ind., graduated from high school in Cincinnati and attended the University of Minnesota from 1936-40, majoring in petroleum engineering. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1942 as an aviation cadet. After serving as a pilot instructor, Miller was assigned as a squadron operations officer in England and flew 33 bombing missions in the European Theater with some 200 combat flying hours.

Following the end of World War II, Miller entered the inactive Reserve but in 1947 returned to active duty. He has served with the Strategic Air Command, 7th Air Division in England, 92nd and 97th Bombardment Wings, deputy personnel director at SAC headquarters, and the 6th Strategic Aerospace Wing.

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GEN. LESTER MILLER

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Urge Washburn To Reconsider

When an intelligent man makes up his mind, I suppose it is presumptuous to ask him to change it.

But at the risk of being presumptuous, this writer urges John Washburn to reconsider his decision to retire from the Farmington Board of Education after 5 1/2 years service.

John was up for re-election this year because he supposedly sought a one-year term last year. Part of the reason was that John was not sure he wanted to serve another four years.

Monday night, he confirmed those thoughts of a year ago by announcing he would not seek election June 14. Certainly, he weighed every consideration before deciding to step down, but he's still needed.

I can understand and identify with all the reasons why he might decide against seeking another term. John has served the Farmington community very well for the past few years, and has devoted hours to public meetings, committee work, research, etc. The life of a public servant is very demanding.

DURING THE past year, John has faced tremendous emotional strain as board president during a period of numerous public hearings which have evoked controversy.

It is true that a community has the right to ask only so much from one man, and John has probably already given more than can be expected. The fact he has served well would allow him to retire with pride for those years of service.

What I'm saying is that if John Washburn decides not to run again, I can understand why but hope he sees fit to give the community what it doesn't deserve - more of John Washburn on the school board.

LAST YEAR, this newspaper endorsed Washburn as a man of fairness, integrity and courage to stand up to what he believes is best of the Farmington schools.

Washburn is a catalyst capable of uniting the board during its critical periods when decisions must be made. His is the kind of voice this community needs on the school board.

John is one of those rare individuals who has served on the school board, not to advance his personal political career, but because he believes in the importance of education and wants to participate in advancing education locally.

Before you make up your mind, John, would you consider again why you first wanted to serve on the board. I think it was because you felt the educational challenge facing Farmington schools was: shall we turn out youngsters a bit smarter than us or just as dumb?

Part of that challenge still remains to be accomplished and is now being threatened by a recall movement headed by those who feel today's generation should get smarter than they and should be educated in the homes and not the schools. Are you satisfied to see the 1972 graduates leave Farmington high schools just as dumb as you and I, John, or should they leave a bit smarter?

JOHN WASHBURN must be a terrific father, and I can understand why his family would like him home more often. He has the right to spend more time with his family and business. Both need him as much as the community.

But maybe his family could agree to lease dad out for one more year and then let him come home when the challenge is met.

The decision to run or not is a very private and personal one, and I don't mean to apply pressure. But it just wouldn't be right to remain silent.

Daniels Den
By EMORY DANIELS



Every week, 1000 people come to a land at war to be at peace.

Why do they come? By the tens and thousands. Every day. Every week. They crowd themselves onto ships. Push themselves across difficult terrain. They come to a society whose language they don't know. Whose customs are unfamiliar. To a nation struggling for sheer survival. To a people making a life and death stand against the constant threat of annihilation.

But they come. Sometimes with just the clothes on their backs. And always with one thought in mind. Freedom. From oppression, injustice and hatred. For to these Jews, Israel means an end to running. And the beginning of peace. Of life with dignity.

A peace they defend, no matter what the cost. And the cost is phenomenal. The people of Israel spend virtually all their energy, resources, young men and women and money to guard against terrorism and hostile armies.

While they fight this struggle the other battles for Jewish survival continue. The care of the old, the sick, the handicapped.

Survival means sacrifice.

The building and staffing of schools, clinics and vocational centers. And the journeys, settling and training of the thousands of immigrants who come seeking peace. These battles are ours. Through the United Jewish Appeal we can win them. As we have in the past and as we will continue to do in the future.

If we build only one school this year, it will be a school that didn't exist last year. Every immigrant we settle and train, turning him into a productive member of the society he dreamed of, will be one more blow struck for justice and freedom.

Every life we save will be measured in ways we cannot even fathom. More than ever before we must put ourselves beside those who are helpless, those who are ill, those who are seeking hope and new life in Israel. And we must be certain that when we are called upon, we are as ready and as strong as we have to be.

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