

Tribute Is Paid to Gen. Squier by Home Town

By Lawrence McCracken

DRYDEN, Mich., June 12—A memorial was dedicated here Sunday to one of the nation's greatest soldier-scientists—Maj. Gen. George O. Squier.

But to Dryden folks the fieldstone marker with inscribed plaque which stands at the entrance to "The Country Club for 'Country People," Gen. Squier's hobby of his later years, was just a simple, tangible expression of the village's pride in a home-town boy who won the world's plaudits, but never lost his love for the community where he was born and spent his youth.

Veterans Honor General

A half-dozen bands took part in the dedicatory exercises, and rites by American Legionnaires and Veterans of Foreign Wars included the playing of taps and the firing of a salute. Speakers praised the General as a soldier and scientist whose achievements won him membership in the world's greatest scientific societies.

Eugene I. Van Antwerp, of Detroit, national senior vice commander of the V. F. W., paid tribute to Gen. Squier as "citizen, neighbor and friend." Carl Smith, of Bay City, state Legion commander, said that the General "excelled not only as a soldier in time of war, but as a citizen in time of peace."

Is Praised by Editor

Malcolm W. Bingay, editorial director of The Detroit Free Press, said:

"Ever so often God sends a great mind to this earth to make for us our notable advances in science—Faraday, Franklin, Edison, Bell and Kettering. In that rank of real heroes will rank imperishably the name of Maj. Gen. George Owen Squier.

"Gen. Squier was thrice a soldier—in the field, in science, and in command of himself. He left this world a better place for having lived in it. This club, this park which he developed, shows what one man, one woman, can do. Not in the fields of world glory, but in simple, friendly, neighborly service."

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