

Rest assured that a majority of public opinion on a specific subject is not always the correct solution; most people are fix of heart, but lack the opportunities to show it.

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## Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

**BUSTLE KICKED TRANQUILITY OUT THE FRONT DOOR** of this office last week when several "important stories" broke at the one time. The result was a brevity and hazziness of Glimpses that made me appear blindfolded. And through it all, the account of an ovation tendered Olie Olsen of Bummingham when he entered the Times Square theater to see the Front Page, was neglected.

Olie was late. The first act was well under way. He followed an owlsh usher down miles and miles of a darkened aisle to the lair of his gang in the second row. As he started climbing over the interference, the voice of McCue, of the City Press Bureau, came from the other side of the foot lights with the greeting, "Hello, you.... .Swede." How was the audience to know McCue was talking to the hero of the play, Hildy Johnson, on the other end of the line when he was looking directly at Olie?

MENTION OF "BLINDFOLD" REMINDS ME—AND YOU can see what advertising does—that two friends answered an ad they understood as a promise to send various brands of cigarettes, properly sealed, so the Blindfold test could be made in private. One of them received a packet of seals he could put on his own cigarettes and the other was sent a picture of the aldermanistic Paul Whiteman with his hand.

UPTON SINCLAIR HAS WRITTEN THAT THE RADIO IS the worst possible medium of capitalist propaganda, as the speaker at the broadcasting end may speak and speak and speak, while the audience has no chance for refutation. But that works both ways, for the announcer, speaker, singer, once he pronounces ecstema, "eggestema," "corjewroy," sylphone, "allophone," has no possible means of retraction and "knocking the ashes on his go through life with his head bowed over an incorrectly accented scarlet letter, while little children jeer and throw rocks and mothers draw their skirts closer when they pass, as if they were negotiating a puddle.

Brother Myron suggests phonograph records of announcer's talks that could be played, at appropriate times, over the radio. This method, the efficiency expert points out, would enable the gentleman to go to work without any effect on the radio industry, and would eliminate mispronunciation.

INFORMALLY TALKING WITH A CIRCUIT JUDGE NEAR here the other day—informally, I mean I was sitting on his desk, smoking one of his cigarettes and "knocking the ashes on his rug—and gathered a bit for the paper. He said the lawyers of today are not thoroughly preparing their cases before they come into court.

"I wouldn't be surprised if some of them meet their important witnesses for the first time when they take the stand," he said.

It was easy for him to recall that in "the old days" the attorney knew almost verbatim what testimony his witness would give. "But today—"

Then another judge entered and agreed. "What's the reason?" I asked.

The newcomer answered, "They are all in a hurry, like everyone else. They have other things to do; other places to drive in their motor cars. The result is they just skim superficially over their cases."

I borrowed a cigaret from him, this time.

"Just another direction from which Justice gets a kick in the pants?" I suggested.

They agreed that's what it was; just another direction.

Then I met an attorney and, with great care to disguise names, dates, places, accents and other characteristics which might be distinguishing, repeated the statement.

"What do you think about it?" I asked.

"Well, as far as that goes, judges themselves.... . Heaven forbid that I should listen to criticism of the bench so I hurried away. But I believe I got his idea.... ."

## WHO'S WHO AND TIMELY VIEWS

**HIS VIEWS ON STATE UNIVERSITIES DEFENDED**  
By DR. CLARENCE COOK LITTLE  
President, University of Michigan

(Clarence Cook Little was born at Brookline, Mass., Oct. 6, 1888. He is a graduate of Harvard university. For several years did research work in genetics at Harvard and was assistant dean of Harvard college from 1916 to 1917. From 1921 to 1922 he did experimental work at Carnegie Institute. He was president of the University of Maine from 1922 to 1925, and has been president of the University of Michigan since then. He recently resigned his position. Since 1925 he has been a director of the American Birth Control League, president of the International New Mathematis League, and president of the Race Betterment League in 1928. He is a World war veteran and a member of numerous national scientific societies.)

I dare say that not 10 out of the governors of our 48 states would be able to creditably pass a reasonable examination on aims, principles, and objectives of state universities. A university, to obtain co-operation from the citizens of a state, must succeed in getting into their hearts and making them see just how and why the university functions as it does.

A university must fit its generation. When that generation is to college he must be able to enter a partnership with it, and must be a professor who can talk his partners and talk his language. The idea of a junior college unit covering the first two years of a student's collegiate career is thus justified because of the difficulty of 17-year-old young man or woman has in adjusting himself socially in a strange town and the complex organization of modern professional and liberal art schools.

That is a state university should not accept gifts from private citizens but should subsidize exclusively on the stipend granted it by the state treasury. Rich citizens properly feel that they should do more to support the state university than the poorer citizen who can afford only his mite which is covered by the state tax.

To expect all citizens to give in the same amount to the support of their university is to fool-

ish as expecting all professors of a university faculty to do exactly the same amount of teaching. Michigan is beating her rival Harvard only because she has been availed both state and private support while Harvard has been forced to rely on the latter alone. It has been said that I have brought many new theories to Michigan, but this is really foolish. All of my theories are time-honored and worthwhile in life. I shall take them with me when I leave my present job all pure and unblemished by any of the things that have happened there.

Repopulation of Germany is going forward rapidly and none is contributing more patriotically than Frau Zoellner of Demmin. At the age of 25 she is the mother of 18 children, four sets of quadruplets and two singles, all born during the last nine years.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**  
L. W. Mastadale, local banker: "I long—oh, how I long—to get out where the fish run large and deep; go feel the tug of something besides a water-soaked log or branch of tree on the fish line is what I think great recreation. And I know that I am not alone in my longing."

## AMONG THE WOMEN

Interest Of Mrs. Charles Shain In Politics Dates To Childhood

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

It was during her childhood in Howell that Mrs. Ruth Edger Shain first became interested in legal and political history. Today she is considered an authority on international relations and recently was offered the national chairmanship of the world politics classes being conducted through-out the country under the auspices of the American Association of University Women.

When she was but nine years old, it was her favorite recreation after school to wander into the courtroom where her father presided as a Livingston county judge. "I liked to sit and listen to the cases and watch the administration of the law," she said. And after the court sessions there would be long talks at home with a father who was vitally interested in his son and daughter. Throughout her childhood she knew an ideal home life.

**Study At Home**  
Her parents were well-educated people as they tried to bring their education to their children. There was a great deal of reading about.

"My father seemed to be particularly gifted with oratory. It was pleasing to hear him read aloud. Often in the evening he would read to mother while we children gathered around and listened. There were articles and books for adults dealing for the most part with history and biography. This would follow discussions with the children listening eagerly." In this way her interest in history grew.

When it came time for her high school education she was sent to Ann Arbor where her brother was attending the university. She completed her high school course there and entered the University of Michigan, graduating with honors.

It was only natural that the interest of her childhood should continue through college days. The majority of her courses dealt with history and economics, with a smattering of Latin. Upon graduation from college she accepted a position teaching history in the Birmingham Hills-Lapeer.

**Teach Around World**  
"It was my plan then to teach my way around the world. I worked for this obtaining life-teaching certificates from five states." Her work took her over a large area of the United States and eventually to California. Nine years ago she married Charles J.

## NEARBY and ...YONDER...

by T. T. Maxey

### The Cabildo

PERHAPS no building in New Orleans holds more interest for the stranger than the Cabildo—that solid, dignified structure of unquestioned ancient origin, built of adobe and shell lime, two stories high with a mansard roof.

The guide informs us that it was named from the municipal council which sat here under Spanish rule when it was the government house of justice of the city and that it was "put up" in 1795.

A tablet explains that here in 1803 was interested in executive Province of Louisiana from Spain to France, also from France to the United States, took place; that the Marquis de Lafayette resided here in 1802 as a guest of the city, also the center of the main room of the second floor was used by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. In this same room, it is said, was held the first Protestant church service conducted in the state of Louisiana.

The courtyard was used as a prison yard for more than a century. The remains of a pillory may be seen as well as the bullet holes in the walls—executions having occurred here as late as 1836.

The Cabildo has played a prominent role in more recent days. Here a reception was given to President McKinley in 1898, the centennial celebration of the Louisiana purchase was held in 1904.

Still well preserved, this old building now houses the state museum—a collection of intensely interesting relics of early days, including the death mask of the great Napoleon.

Excessive ambition has been the undoing of many a man, and so it happened to Dr. Harry Van Steenberg of Harmony Grove, Calif. He was ambitious to set a record in driving 10 gallons of wine in one sitting, and bet that he could do it. With less than a pint to go, he was drinking from Saturday until Monday night, he toppled over and died.

After beating and putting three masters to flight by wielding her umbrella, Miss Reina Blettel, an 18-year-old beauty prize winner of New York, was tired. So when a fourth accosted her she permitted him to walk up to the umbrella for a distance of seven blocks, when she turned him over to a policeman.

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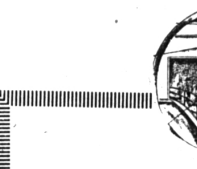
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