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When Kim Sigler, Republican candidate for Governor of Michigan, takes office next January 1, the Wolverine State will have a Chief Executive who will approach State problems with a mind that, by long habit, is of the research and methodical type. It is the type of thinking that depends upon a knowledge of ALL the facts in a given situation; it then applies the practical approach for final decision.

Sigler, one of the middle west's outstanding trial lawyers, will not resort to the orthodox "political expediency" approach in handling problems of government. He knows that, to use an old phrase, "the best politics is found only in the best government possible."

Sigler's early training was one of struggle. Although his early years were spent on a cattle ranch in western Nebraska with his family, he soon launched out "on his own"; he finally entered the University of Michigan for the study of law; while there he worked in the University Hospital, to defray expenses.

He finished his law course at the Detroit College of Law, working nights at the Ford Motor Co. to obtain funds. He then entered a well known Detroit law firm as a junior member, later going to Hastings, Michigan, where he opened his own practice.

Thus he knows the value of struggle; he knows the need for thoroughness in doing the job at hand. He grows tired in his months as special prosecutor for the State Staff Jury, during which time he convicted many men in high and low places; the recent bank indictment was the result of the work, very largely.

Sigler and former Juror Leland W. Carr, now a member of the Michigan Supreme Court.

While possessing a considerable degree of humor, Sigler is dominantly a serious individual. As Governor of Michigan the people can expect him to handle the various phases of that job with the same devotion to success that has marked his entire career to date. Indeed, we think that Michigan is fortunate in having men of his type available for public service.

## Teacher Salaries

A campaign to double the salaries of teachers in various parts of the United States has been discussed at one or more sessions of teachers' meetings. The argument is advanced that the "grand total" of income for all groups has been doubled since 1940, and that it is up to teachers to put up a stiff fight for more money.

Professor Harold F. Clark, who has made a study of nationwide school conditions, points out that the income of teachers rose from less than \$6,000,000,000 in 1940 to \$18,000,000,000 in 1946, that skilled labor has more than doubled its income since 1940 and that unskilled labor was paid more last year than the members of the teaching profession.

The Professor is all set to give the teachers of the country an idea of what they should receive. He says that, whereas \$3,500 may have been considered a top salary for teachers of first graders, modern communities must think in terms of \$5,000, \$6,000 or \$7,000 for this group. He insists that teachers are worse off than in 1940, when they were not overpaid, because of the rise in living costs and the increase in taxes.

## Shifting Industry

A nationwide trend in today's business is the construction of large factories in the smaller towns, bringing resources nearer the production line. Paper mills, furniture factories, and other industries utilizing abundant lumber are rapidly moving to areas where the supply is unlimited and readily available.

New industries in the smaller towns increase the payroll and stimulate business. It is heartening to see a town, long lay in appearance, spring to life with new industry. The smaller towns should seek larger payrolls for their communities and most of them do, but there are some points involved where the line should be drawn—even though business men may profit.

Some of the bigger mills involved in certain processes consuming lumber are dependent on a water supply—lakes in most cases. They direct their refuse from the mill into the lakes. Some mills process the dumpage to safeguard fish and other game, but some dump poisonous waste material into the water and the wild life dies off at a rapid pace.

It should not be a choice between mills or game. It should be either the game and the mill or the game. In a manner, which kills animal and bird life on the lakes will not find new territory open to industry at any price. The mills will come just the same, but they will provide adequate protection to the state's natural resources.

HENRY A. WALLACE, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, reports that "The solution of industrial disputes is not only the problem that confronts the nation." You're right there, Sir! One other problem is Henry Agard Wallace, himself.

IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH DR. ALEXANDER G. RUTHEEN, president of the University of Michigan, he said: "Fear of punishment will never prevent crime." In that brief statement lies the subject matter for many books and sermons. Some day society will learn to treat crime tendencies as it does ill health, and then the prisons will have fewer people in them than they do today.

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## Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO August 20, 1896

"Three thousand dollars will buy Postals' only fire engine. Our village looks very tidy with its newly-painted hydrants, lamp posts, and a cleanly-mowed lawn."

"Attend the basket picnic to Belle Isle next Saturday, Aug. 27, given by St. James Episcopal church on the electric railway. Tickets only 25 cents for round trip including boat ride."

"Oughtn't it to be looked on as a sort of disgrace for any person to leave the weeds on his street front till the village has to move them for him?"

"Birmingham sent a large and happy delegation to the Royal Oak ball game Saturday, and they do say that Sunday games are to be a feature."

20 YEARS AGO August 19, 1896

"Birmingham is to have a bookstore of its own. On Sept. 1 Albert J. LaBelle will open at 125 1/2 Maple avenue with a complete line of books, stationery, magazines, and gifts."

Mr. LaBelle said "I believe that a book store will be a long felt want in Birmingham. Your town is growing at such a rate that it is necessary to have a bookstore, primarily, and on that account it is the place for books."

"What, no jail?" asked a startled Charlie Paris, of 1358 Howland street, Detroit, in Judge Floyd P. Buck's justice court here Monday.

"Judge Buck, finding him guilty of petty larceny in connection with stealing an automobile jack from the store of F. E. Sernal, Woodward and Daines street, ordered him to pay a fine of \$25 or spend 15 days in jail."

"Mr. Paris, who became slightly startled then, and who had protested from the time of his arrest Sunday night that he was unfamiliar with the law and the court proceedings, said he would accept the fine and the like thought the judge said 'AND 15 days.'"

"Five words from Chief James Anderson turned the chimerical dunced into a sanctum of gold, decorated freely with roses and orchids."

"You may go home now," the chief said. And Mr. Paris did.

"Chief Anderson's arrest left today for Detroit to serve a warrant charging grand larceny on Margaret Smith, alias Norma Pearson, who is wanted in connection with the theft of more than \$100 worth of clothing from the

## Invite in Haste, Repent at Leisure

Home of L. M. Farr, 412 Brookside, where she had been employed as maid.

"Police were told that Miss Smith removed her own clothes from the home Monday night while the family slept. A check-up revealed a value, valued at \$95, and several other articles of clothing were missing. Miss Smith had been in the employ of the Farris only a short time and police say she was well thought of."

"More than 350 houses are under construction in Bloomfield Hills Township at the present time, according to Robert V. Moore, supervisor. The total valuation of these cannot be figured accurately but it runs into the millions, Mr. Moore said."

"Average price of the home being built in Birmingham is \$12,000 while in Bloomfield Hills the homes are costing between \$20,000 and \$300,000, Mr. Moore said."

5 YEARS AGO August 21, 1941

"Passers-by thought they saw smoke in Sherman's market last Thursday. It was only a mist of 'fray'."

"Someone living outside of town mailed a letter late other day, and because of an improperly addressed, it arrived at our office. Inside was a \$1 bill and the cryptic phrase, 'Dixie Girl,' the man's initials, 'Dixie Girl,' we discovered, is a race horse. Dear, dear can Birmingham have a bookie?"

"A car overturned in a crash last Friday had a baby in one machine. The driver did not awaken from slumber. The mishap occurred at Woodward avenue and Trumbull bridge road when a car driven by John Ruben, 23285 Wagner street, Van Dyke, collided with one driven by Nina Born of Burnham road, Bloomfield Hills."

"The baby, Gerry Lubbers, six weeks old, did not awaken when his father's car turned over. No one was hurt."

"Although the Birmingham Fire Department answered 21 alarms in the month of July, there was no estimated loss to buildings. A total of eight hours and four minutes was spent by the department in fire fighting and rescue work for that month. Over 300 hours were spent on well work in Birmingham. The department answered one false alarm during the month."

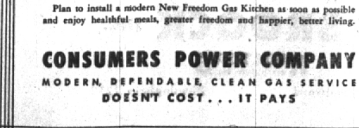
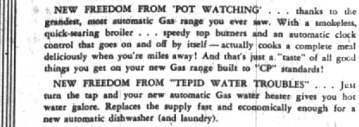
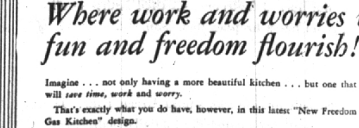
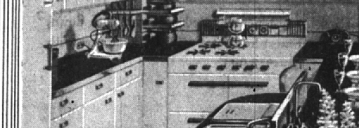
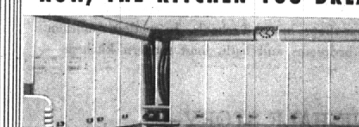
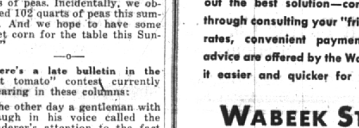
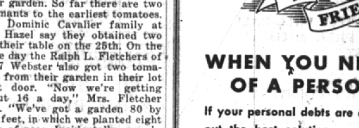
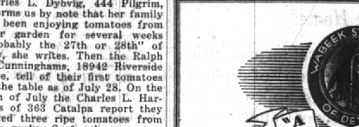
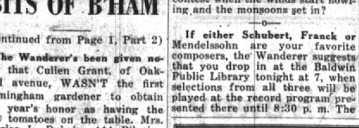
"A thief who raided automobiles parked in the rear of buildings along South Woodward avenue is sought by police."

"Early Sunday morning, Leon White, Route 4, Pontiac, who had put his car in the parking lot near the howling alley, discovered that the thief had used a brick to break a window in his car. Nothing was reported stolen."

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"Trout Quintet in A Major," French's "D Minor," played by the London Philharmonic, and the overture, "Midsummer Night's Dream" will be included.

W. A. P. John, 556 Toxteth road, has been named co-chairman of the Commercial and Industrial division of the forthcoming Community Chest Campaign.

The Wanderer learns that library attendants have been pleasantly surprised this summer by the number of library books and records falling off in attendance. As anticipated as a result of post-war travel being resumed, but the records indicate that there were 853 more books taken out this July than last.

New at the library is the "Encyclopedia of Art," a compilation of noted art writers, historians, etc., including two sections by a Birmingham resident, Professor Ernst Scheyer, 255 Westwood. Professor Scheyer is at Wayne University in this art history department. His selection concern the relation between East Asiatic art and Western art, pointing out the effects of the two cultures had on each other. Professor Scheyer, in addition to research, gives occasional lectures at the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Have you seen the new "art baby" on display in one of Birmingham's store windows? The Wanderer notices that he was ordered along and stopped to look it over. It's the new Downward magnetism wheelbarrow which weighs in at 16 pounds. The one on display was sold, incidentally, to a man from way out of Grand Pointe way who couldn't find any place until he dropped by Birmingham. Others, your Wanderer was told, will come trickling in very gradually, as they're still on the list of hard-to-get items.

BITS OF B'HAM (Continued from Page 1, Part 2)

The Wanderer's been given notice that Cullen Grant, of Oakland avenue, WARSN'T the first Birmingham gardener to obtain this year's honor as having the first tomatoes on the table. Mrs. Charles L. Dwyer, 444 Piquette, informs us by note that her husband has been enjoying tomatoes from their garden for several weeks "probably the 27th or 28th" of July, she writes. Then the Ralph L. Gummhamms, 18942 Riverside drive, tell of their first tomatoes on the table as of July 28. On the 29th of July the Charles L. Harries of 363 Catalpa report they picked three ripe tomatoes from their garden. So far there are two claimants to the earliest tomatoes. The Dominic Cavalier family at 955 Hazel say they obtained two for their table on the 29th. On the same day the Ralph L. Fletchers of 1377 Webster also got two tomatoes from their garden in their lot next door. "Now we're getting about 16 a day," Mrs. Fletcher said. "We've got a garden 80 by 120 feet, in which we planted eight rows of peas. Incidentally, we obtained 102 quarts of peas this summer. And we hope to have some sweet corn for the table this Sunday."

Here's a late bulletin in the "first tomato" contest currently appearing in these columns: The other day a gentleman with a laugh in his voice called the Wanderer's attention to the fact that he, too, was a candidate for the tomato growing championship. He is J. W. Hayman of Ann street, and he says that he has been eating luscious tomatoes from his garden since July 13. He even has witnesses. What will happen to this



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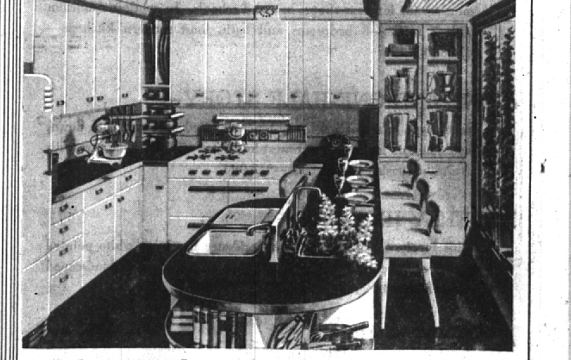
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## People's Column

To the Editor: These Days

By Your Aunt Hattie Everything smells of cheerlessness and November. Endeavoring to outlive my fountain pen.

The milk of human kindness has dried up. America—the place 10 million GIs wanted to come home to; let's not let them be sorry—it's up to you and you and me.

Yawning indifference to today's happenings may lead to a Rip Van Winkle for keeps. School is no duller than its parent.

Life is generous with chances—it's only when we fumble that it seems like we are cheated. Atom bomb test searching for answers not found in the back of the book. It's not the arithmetic—Science must go on.

ANTHONY HATTIE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.—The Probate Court for the County of Wayne, in a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Detroit, in said County, on the 1st day of August, A.D. 1946.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of the Matter of the Estate of Robert Smith, Deceased. Elizabeth Welch, administratrix of said estate having filed in said Court a petition for the appointment of a private sale of the interest of said estate in certain real estate described as follows: It is Ordered, That the 8th day of September, 1946, be and the same is hereby appointed for the hearing of said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate be and they are hereby notified to appear at said hearing and to show cause why they should be allowed to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should be granted. It is Further Ordered, That public notice of this order, upon publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for the said day of hearing, be given, previous to the said day of hearing, in the Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulated in said County.

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