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ECCESTRICITIES

Being a few stray notions by G. A. Sometimes they are some notions (when they most popular) general than when they say quite insane (when they don't). However, this column will attempt to build constructive—destroying only sensations that we think are socially sane.

Easter was certainly a nice, white Christmas, wasn't it?

By the way, did you go to church last Sunday. All over the length and breadth of Christian lands Jesus Christ was the concentrated thought of hundreds of thousands of people. Some day the eccentric will greatly dominate the activities of mankind, and the world will be a much better place for all.

"Cast your bread upon the waters" was behind the motive of Rev. Charles H. McCurdy, local minister, in his relations with a certain young chap some months ago. The truth of this admission was verified when, recently, Rev. McCurdy was given a fine radio set, made by the young chap. Rev. McCurdy is enjoying the radio, the young chap is happy in the knowledge that he has made and gave it to one who did a good turn for him.

The parents of Mildred Roode ought to be very happy that their daughter stands at the head of Baldwin high school students in scholastic honors over a period of four years. Mildred is probably very happy, too; and we know that the school officials are as happy as anybody about it. High marks in studies and out that during certain portions of their lives pupils can concentrate and respond to educational methods will make such much seriousness to the problems of living when they get out of school—that is the question.

Soon we will see the old Town Hall transformed into a playhouse for the Village Players, local amateur theatrical organization. rafters that once rang to the religious impulses of people will ring out to fun and fancy. What a wonderful story the old rafters could tell, if they could speak about the things that have gone on beneath the roof they support.

One of the greatest hindrances to bringing about the lowest cost of living is the fact that people who pay their bills not only pay for the actual cost of what they get, but they help pay the unpaid bills acquired by others. The use of a Credit Bureau is considered the best means of removing the "unpaid bill" evil. Therefore, Birmingham's Credit Bureau ought to prove a good thing for the citizens as well as the merchants.

After hearing Joseph Brooks, supervisor of Southfield township, play some old dance numbers at the Exchange club last week, we no longer wonder why Henry Ford is interested in such music. "Joe" certainly knows how to play, when Shakespeare remarked that "music hath charms to soothe the savage beast," he evidently did not refer to the modern jazz band.

From press reports coming from Lansing these days, one would be inclined to think that the State Highway Dept. will have very little to move with which to carry out new plans for 1926. If this be the case, then Birmingham is far from having its local Woodward avenue problem settled. Perhaps the lack of funds is responsible for Governor Townsend's unwillingness to say what the State is going to do for the village.

Washington N. Irish, Democratic supervisor of Independence township, in the northern part of Oakland County, once established a record for efficiency as chairman of an important county committee. It is related that "Wash" headed a committee which was in session for several hours. Finally he entered the supervisors' assembly room and said, "My committee can't make any report yet; I can't get the rest of them to agree with me on the question."

Do you want the street in front of your home fixed up? Then get out a petition for the kind of improvements that you want and have a majority of the property owners on the street sign it; submit it to the village commission and they'll be glad to cooperate. The only expense you will incur is five-sixths of the cost against benefitted property.

It is a strange caprice of Destiny that Birmingham's 300,000 gallon steel elevated water storage tank was never seen by the late W. D. Clibbe. It will be remembered that Mr. Clibbe was most vigorously opposed to this tank. Although it is nearly finished now, it was not started until after he had left for California in January.

Harry K. Thaw, that Pittsburgher whose life resembles something of the color of the atmosphere that has made Pittsburgh famous, still gets on the front pages of the newspapers. Did you ever notice that this unfortunate man is always connected up with bad things? It is too bad that he never allowed the latent decent attributes which he possesses to break forth into his acts. Harry's tendencies have for many years been along spiritual lines, we are quite willing to admit; only he made the mistake of using the bottle instead of the Bible.

LARGE REALTY BUSINESS REPORTED IN FEBRUARY

One of the frequent inquiries that has been made to the Walsh, James and Wasey Company during the last month or two is whether the real estate business is going to open up this spring. A. W. Wasey, vice president and treasurer, in answer to this question stated: "As a matter of fact, business during the winter of 1925-26 has been exceptional, and while winter business will probably not equal spring, summer, and fall sales, nevertheless, we are not looking for business to open up this spring because it has been open all winter. Mr. Wasey went on to say that the gross sales for the month of February, including farms, houses, and subdivisions properties, amounted to \$1,494,000.00.

The recent connection of J. Stuart Cobb of Oakland avenue with the company brings the total number of members of the sales organization to 24, 15 of whom live in Birmingham.

NEW HOMES PLANNED IN NORTHEAST SECTION

During the last two or three weeks Louis Hascall, local realtor, has completed the sale of several properties in the village. In the Smith-Polytechnic subdivision in the northeast section of Birmingham, two lots were purchased by two Detroit business men. Hoyt Gilbert, research engineer for the Cadillac Motor Car Company, has his property on Kennesaw avenue. Glenn E. Roulter has been awarded the contract for his house. Harry Winters, insurance man, has bought on Rivenook avenue and expects to start the construction of his new house immediately.

Mr. Hascall was also instrumental in the sale of two properties on Pierce street. Charles Shain is now the owner of the F. L. Main place, while F. T. Green and L. R. Mize purchased jointly the property belonging to Emma Wright.

Another research engineer at the Cadillac, Guy E. Parker, has bought the house at the corner of Oakland and Woodland avenues, formerly belonging to Russell Nicholson, and will move into it about April 1. Norman Bell purchased Lester Purdy's property on Forest avenue, and Mr. Purdy will in turn build on Kennesaw.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1926.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah B. Carter, Deceased.
Almon Whithead, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited to a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.
It is Ordered, that four months from this day be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 9th day of August, 1926, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

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DAN A. MCGAFFEE, Register of Probate.

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CARL BAYNES PLAYING WITH M. S. C. BALL TEAM

East Lansing, April 8.—Carl D. Baynes, of Franklin, was one of the members of the Michigan State College baseball squad which took the first southern training trip in the history of this institution, March 29 to April 7. Baynes plays center-field and second base on the nine and in this position saw considerable service during the course of the trip in the southern part of the United States.

The itinerary of this trip included stops at Bowling Green, Kentucky; Columbus, Macon, and Atlanta, Georgia, and Cincinnati, Ohio. At the first stop, the team met the West Kentucky Normal and Teachers' College, at the second, the Fort Benning team where two games were played. Mercer University, Oglethorpe University were the two other games played in Georgia with the fifth game against Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the last with St. Xavier College at Cincinnati, Ohio on the return trip.

Albion college occupies the first position on the home schedule, the game to be played, April 11. With the benefit of the southern training trip behind them, the Green and White Pastimers will be able to come through the present season in good shape, coaches at the college believe.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1926.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles K. Latham, Deceased.
Mary C. Latham having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Mary C. Latham and Arnold H. Moody, or to some other suitable person.
It is Ordered, that the 26th day of May, A. D. 1926, at eight A. M., at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the hearing of said petition.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous to the date of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

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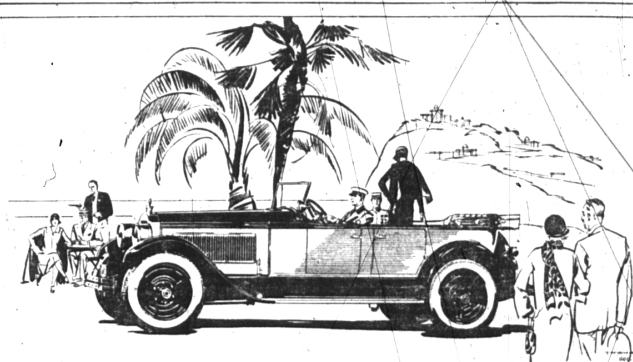
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