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ECCENTRICITIES

Being a few stars' notions by G. E. S. Sometimes they are sane notions (when they meet popular approval) then, again, they are quite insane (when they don't). However, this column will attempt to build constructive—destroying only foundations that we think are totally silly.

Now that the first 1926 robin was seen in Birmingham last week, it'll soon be time to get out the garden tools. Ever stop to think with what regularity the seasons come and go—man's apparently great efforts are but trifling when compared to the stupendous workings of Nature, and a great deal less co-ordinated.

Birmingham is asked to contribute the sum of \$5,000 towards raising a fund with which to advertise this

community to Detroiters, and others. Those who can't contribute financially to this certainly ought to lend their moral assistance to the project. If every present resident would smudge a friend to take up a residence here—say, wouldn't this old town grow? And wouldn't it be filled with lots of folks you actually know of old?

Next Thursday evening the men and the boys of this community will be given a chance to get together publicly; to listen to inspirational addresses that ought to bind the relationship of men to boys, of fathers to sons; to see several groups of boys put on performances of things they have been taught by the Y.M.C.A. and the Boy Scouts. What a fine thing it would be if every meal which the family's dinner table to each day could have the "father and son," "mother and daughter" spirit!

Nearly 100 local men, from various church groups, enjoyed a banquet last Thursday night at the Methodist church. The Rev. Lynn Hough told some interesting and informational things about the world of men. He declared that "a fruitful optimism" is what the world needs. Are you optimistic toward life?

Mary Lewis, former choir singer in a Little Rock, Arkansas, church, is America's newest opera singer. For a time she was in the movies, the Follies, and similar theatrical ventures. We wonder if the so-called good chorus girls of the stage (most of whom, we believe, seek stardom) really know that Miss Lewis must have possessed a SINCERE DESIRE to have attained her present place in the musical world. For who will deny that it does not require a pretty well developed spiritual intelligence to cause the material vocal chords in Miss Lewis' throat to give out such wonderful musical vibrations?

There are 730,000 public school teachers in the United States. A trifle less than half of them have had about two years' training. Which shows that the average experience of a school teacher is higher than it was a few years ago. One of the finest things that anybody can do is to create in another's mind the DESIRE to obtain knowledge. This applies directly to the teaching profession, parents who really love their children ought to feel very friendly to the teaching profession, and ought to be willing to support it wholeheartedly.

We haven't had anything in the Eccentric lately about the Bell, local village commissioner. Not that Wylie cares about being in the public prints—in fact he is rather shy when it comes to being eulogized in a newspaper. However, whenever the chance comes along, we're going to put Wylie's name in the paper.

"If the concrete pavement of Grand River avenue, west of Farmington, were dug up and assayed, it is doubtful if any gold nuggets would be discovered, yet cost figures compiled in county road commission offices—figures that have been persistently kept hidden in the State—it is one of the most expensive in the country," declared a news story in Sunday's Free Press. To say the least, it is a rather sad state of affairs when the Governor of Michigan refuses to take the people into his confidence when he carries out public plans.

Officially, the United States is now a part of the World Court—or soon will be when European nations accept the petshop of our Government to join them in settling international affairs by arbitration. The present year ought to get a long way toward starting the people of our nation toward the actual acceptance of the Golden Rule.

JUSTICE, we believe, is that thing which takes place when neighbor and neighbor get along without time—each giving and taking a little whenever argument blows up. From our own observation of the world judicial system, we believe that the meeting out of exact justice in any particular case is wholly accidental, not the desire of the attorney for either the plaintiff or the defense. We must expect much better from the World Court—for arguments about material things generally have no realistic Christian foundation.

FILM FEATURES, VAUDEVILLE
AT THE BALDWIN THEATER

Wonderful film feature at the Baldwin Theatre for the coming week starting Sunday, Feb. 7th and for one day only—Ricarda Cortez, Greta Nissen and Wallace Hery, are the features in "In the Name of Love," a splendid Paramount picture. Starting Monday, Feb. 8th for three days, the biggest sensation in years "The Merry Widow." John Gilbert in this is truly the season's greatest lover, and we might add that the Merry Widow Waltz has lost none of its charm.

Mr. Willis has added several wonderful pieces to the orchestra, and beautiful music will thrill the hearts of those who see "The Merry Widow." No vaudeville with the above feature on account of the length of the film. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 11, 12, 13 James Oliver Curwood's "Ancient Roman Romance of the Canadian Northwoods." A five act standard vaudeville bill accompanying the above feature excepting on Thursday Feb. 11th when The Albion College Glee Club will take the place of vaudeville. The Pathé News and orchestra will complete the program for the week.

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