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Being a few stray notions by G. N. A. ... they are quite insane (when they don't). ... they will attempt to build constructively—instead of only ... those that we think are specially funny.

You know, folks, it's been quite a few weeks since we last indited some words in our "Read 'Em and Weep" column. ... However, we'll try to get enough time each week to set forth a few paragraphs on the "side track" of life. ... Of course, we make no claim that these paragraphs will put the universe in a row, at least, though we hope they'll help to keep some of us off the side track of life.

The reason we have called this column "Eccentricities" instead of "Read 'Em and Weep" is because the former, although more peculiar and odd, has not the tinge of gambling in it. You will remember, or recall, (some of the men will, at least) that "Read 'Em and Weep" are the words generally spoken in the famous game of African Golf, commonly known as "craps."

Two weeks ago the village commission voted to raise the pay of members of the Birmingham Volunteer Fire Department. That's a fine thing to do—and nobody will offer any criticism for the action, we believe. Our volunteer firemen are not surpassed by any in Michigan—and that takes in the whole United States, too.

Have you joined the Birmingham Skating Club yet? Then, if you've not just step into the local First National Bank and see Charles Randall, who'll tell you all about it.

The children are having lots of fun during this school vacation. Which makes us wonder just why they should object to being taught in the schools. Some day our educators will have educated the then present generation to the belief that "education ought to be a joyful act for children. Schools will then become playgrounds of intelligence—not prisons of mental processes.

Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer of Birmingham get ready for a dandy municipal bond issue in the Spring. The village commission will probably call upon you to provide them with several hundred thousands of dollars to put up some decent buildings with. That's correct—that spells a certain kind of progress for this fine little town.

Gosh, wouldn't it be fine to be able to drive your out-of-town friends about Birmingham and point out with pride: "there's our new municipal building—none finer in the state; next to it is our public library, we built it during 1926-27."

A. J. Brandt, of 717 Riveroak avenue, Birmingham, is vice-president in charge of operations of the Oakland Motor Car Co. Mr. Brandt occupies a high place in the industrial life of the state; he certainly excites fine opinion when he visits out this village as a place to live in. And thus does Birmingham touch the entire world—for who will deny the wide sale of the car that "is winning and holding good will?"

When William M. (Bill) Story, of Bloomfield Hills, tackles a thing, you may rest assured that he'll carry it through. The dandy wheel which he made for the local Rotary club a few weeks ago proves that. Bill could have made a wheel in one tenth of the time, and at less cost, but just couldn't do it that way—that's all.

Governor Miriam (Ma) Ferguson of Texas is finding her job as head of the Lone Star State much more difficult than tending to her former housework. From news reports we are made to think that "Ma" must have allowed the word "obey" in her marriage ceremony. Certainly, Jim, her husband and impeached governor, has never renigged in his declaration, will.

Which makes us feel sorry for Alex J. Greenbeck, Governor of our own dear state of highway improvements. Gee, if Alex-am-I only had a wife, he might be able to keep the Governorship in his family another term or two.

Robert Lytle, 19-year-old Detroit bandit, was given a life sentence at Marquette by Judge Cotter, at Detroit, last week. The young chap confessed to being a bandit. He said "you tell the world I'm sorry. I'm worse than that. I'm a fool, an easy money smart aleck! That's all anyone is who thinks the stickup business is easy picking and soft-jack." We wonder how many times Babes had read this from the experiences of others before he even entered the crook business. Which proves that youth is taught more readily through example than precept—and we wonder who set Lytle an example.

The year 1925 was one of kaleidoscopic changes in state affairs," declared Lansing dispatch in the Detroit News last Saturday. A very concrete statement, we must admit—one that ought to have satisfied many friendships along the highways of Michigan. Of course, no one can dispute the fact that it requires a lot of sand to fill up the ruts of human intelligence, and thus smooth out the way for a travelling people.

We see by the papers that Gloria Swanson, movie actress, ordered pig's knuckles in a New York restaurant. The story carried a two-column caption. If some noted educator discovered a new method of uplifting society, he'd be lucky if the story made the front page in small type. Which proves that journalism, as a real profession, is still in the barnyard stage of evolution.

Have you purchased your 1926 automobile license yet? Have you ordered some more coal to carry you through the winter? Have you paid your winter taxes yet? Have you started saving for next Christmas? Have you—well, anyway, it's none of our business what you've done—is it? Only just hang on, folks, spring will soon be here—and so will summer taxes.

If Henry really wants a tune that will be proper for the old-time

dances, he doesn't need to import some patriarchal fiddler; nope—just let him climb into one of his fivers and ride down one of the local dirt streets. We'll guarantee him more squeals than he ever heard from a piece of horsehair.

AUDIT VILLAGE BOOKS
The Morton Audit Co., of Detroit, Monday night was awarded the contract for auditing the village books for 1925. The cost of the work was fixed at \$300.00.

A five-year contract which provides for W. W. Henry to install a larger water main on Bloomfield Court was entered into by the village last week!

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