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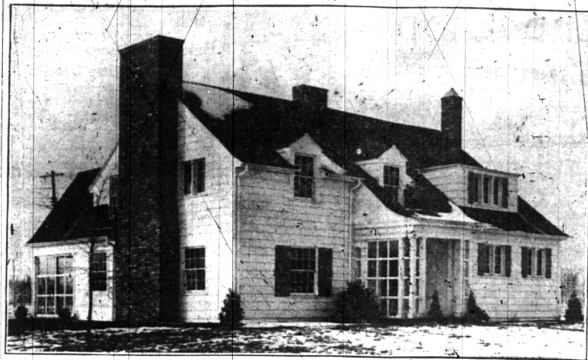
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EARLY DAYS

To the Editor: I am very grateful to W. D. Harrison for bringing me a copy of the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Birmingham Eccentric. It takes me back to the fall of 1882 when I was the only printer employed by Whitehead and Mitchell. I have never seen an attractive village as Birmingham then was, and I never had more pleasant surroundings, nor more friendly relations with employers than I had with George and Allen. No fault-finding, no criticism, no insupportable silent attitudes, no disputes. I was not fired nor did I jump the job. At that time both sides of the paper were printed by the Western Newspaper Union at 266 Woodward avenue, Detroit. On Tuesday, or was it Wednesday at times, the local news and advertising changes in type were tied up, wrapped in paper, laid on boards, strong denim cloth wrapped and folded over them.

and then strapped in two bundles. The next morning I loaded them on a wheelbarrow and went to the depot, took a handful of type in each hand and took the first train for Detroit. From the old Brush street depot, I took the street car to the W. N. U. printing establishment, and there on the fourth or fifth floor, made up two home pages. After the forms were sent down to the pressroom in the basement I went to dinner at Rice's hotel. The patent insides for the Eccentric were already printed, and by mid-afternoon I was unlocking forms and tying up the dead type. Between four and five p. m. I had my bundles of type and a big bundle of printed papers ready to carry aboard the street car. Unless some one helped me I had to make two trips, from sidewalk to car. Then from street car to the passenger train, was another hard and longer job. At Birmingham I usually found some citizen ready to take my bundle of Eccentrics from the car platform and I followed with the type to my wheelbarrow which no one ever disturbed. My load was put off at the drug and grocery store near Whitehead and Mitchell, and then to supper at Mitchell's home. After supper Mr. Mitchell printed the addresses on the paper with a mailing outfit. The keys containing names of subscribers were always corrected by Mr. Mitchell that day during my absence. Then I wrapped and labeled the packages for other postoffices. Of course you know the sheets were all flat when delivered from the printing press in those days, and had to be folded before being addressed. On my way to breakfast the next morning I delivered the week's edition to the postoffice.

QUARTON LAKE RESIDENCE SOLD



Colgrove, Buck & Tibbott report the sale of the above new residence at the northwest corner of Pine and Pilgrim roads, Quarton Lake Estates, to Don O. Scott, Detroit manager of the Hydraulic Brake company.

AUTO CHANGES ARE EXPLAINED

The mechanical reliability of the present day automobile is an important factor in the growing popularity of motor touring as a summer diversion.

Not many years ago, the motorist seldom dared to venture far from town. If he did, he could be reasonably sure of spending the night in a farm house.

But times have changed. The motor car no longer is a mechanical question mark. It has gained in speed, comfort and above all in reliability. A thousand mile tour offers no greater mechanical hazard than a drive around the block. This, of course, is due to the untiring efforts of automobile engineers. Eternally seeking that elusive "something better," they have engineered the uncertainty out of the automobile.

No small part of this work has been done by the engineers of the Oakland Motor Car Company. Working in conjunction with the General Motors engineers, they have pioneered countless improvements which enable the tourist to start out confident in the knowledge that he will return intact and under his own power.

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YOUTHS PLAN 100 MILE HIKE

(Continued from Page 1) regular tramp program will be used on the hike. One prominent feature is that camp will be made in a different place each night. A morning dip, two swims each day, nature study, campcraft, woodcraft, first aid, games, camp fires, and open air fun promise to make the hike a complete success.

Reading Port Huron the steamer Tashmos will carry the 25 down the beautiful St. Clair river, through the "Flats," across Lake St. Clair to Detroit, and home. The hike will be under the personal supervision of George Carhart, secretary of the Royal Oak Y. M. C. A., who has had considerable experience in camps in Massachusetts, Maine, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, and has had one year at Copconic.

Birmingham boys may register with Mr. Lynd, secretary, lower Oakland County Y. M. C. A., who lives at 227 Ferndale Avenue. Yours truly, O. E. FULLER Auditor General

ANCIENT PONTIAC MEDAL UNEARTHED

The ghost of the "gay nineties" probably are enjoying a laugh at the ultra-moderns. The "Modernists," as represented by the Oakland Motor Car company, thought they had something new and smart in the way of an automobile advertising novelty when they marked the introduction of the Pontiac Six by striking a medal. It bore a likeness of Pontiac, famous Ottawa chieftain, and was inscribed "Pontiac, Chief of the Sixes."

But just a few days ago a laborer excavating near the Oakland Six plant unearthed a medal of almost identical size and bearing another conception of Chief Pontiac's features. On its obverse side was the inscription "Pontiac Buggy" co., Pontiac, Mich., Western Amherst Line. Investigation revealed the medal was struck in 1896 to celebrate the introduction of the "Western Amherst" line of buggies which the reverse side of the medal asserts, are worth 100 cents on the dollar in gold. Thus the Pontiac Buggy company which later evolved into the Oakland Motor Car company, appears to have beaten Oakland to the idea by a margin of about 32 years.

The combination of one Irishman and two Germans who dare and do is invincible—Governor Smith.

Quality and Price

Yes, but don't forget Tire Service

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