History, Methods of Journalism Told at Club Meeting

The following interesting reminiscences of a leading newspaperman of the present day, were given at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Literary Club, held in Birmingham, Ala., by J. H. Hardee.

"In the beginning of the 19th century, the public was not interested in reading newspapers. They were considered as a luxury and not as a necessity. The newspapers were full of advertisements, and the news was not well printed. The public wanted news, not advertisements. They wanted stories that would interest them, not stories that would bore them. They wanted stories that would make them laugh, not stories that would make them cry. They wanted stories that would make them think, not stories that would make them act.

"To meet these demands, the newspapers began to change. They began to print more news and less advertisements. They began to print more stories that would interest the public. They began to print more stories that would make people laugh. They began to print more stories that would make people think. They began to print more stories that would make people act.

"This change was not easy. The newspapers had to overcome many obstacles. They had to convince the public that reading newspapers was a necessity, not a luxury. They had to convince the public that reading newspapers was a way to be informed, not a way to be entertained. They had to convince the public that reading newspapers was a way to think, not a way to act.

"In the end, the newspapers succeeded. They made the public understand that reading newspapers was a necessity, not a luxury. They made the public understand that reading newspapers was a way to be informed, not a way to be entertained. They made the public understand that reading newspapers was a way to think, not a way to act.

"Today, the newspapers continue to change. They continue to print more news and less advertisements. They continue to print more stories that will interest the public. They continue to print more stories that will make people laugh. They continue to print more stories that will make people think. They continue to print more stories that will make people act.