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U. S. Senator Congratulates Birmingham Publisher

United States Senate COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 9, 1938.

Mr. George R. Averill, Publisher The Birmingham Eclectic, Inc., Birmingham, Michigan.

Dear George:

I am glad to join your countless friends and admirers in presenting my compliments to the Birmingham Eclectic upon its Sixtieth Birthday.

It is one of the outstanding newspapers of its class in the United States. Its development and expansion under your capable leadership during the last eighteen years have been phenomenal.

I congratulate you upon what you have thus so ably done; but I particularly congratulate Birmingham upon its fortunate possession of such a sturdy, sterling institution. In your case, I hope that prophesy may not be without honor in their own country.

I hope that "Life Begins at Sixty" for the Eclectic; and that you may be spared for many more years of your devoted service to the profession which you so highly honor.

Good luck!

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

[Signature]

A. H. Vandenberg.

A reproduction of the letter written by Sen. Arthur Vandenberg to George R. Averill in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of The Birmingham Eclectic, of which the latter is publisher.

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Plans contemplating the erection of a 29-family, two-story \$200,000, at the corner of North Woodward and 12th avenues, are set in motion by changing of Birmingham's zoning ordinance for buildings in that area.

CRANE HONORED IN NATIONAL CONTEST

The staff of the Cranbrook school "Crane" received a notice this week that it had placed second in the annual contest conducted among preparatory schools by the Columbia University Press Association.

STUDENTS WILL CLIMAX MUSIC WEEK PROGRAM

National Music Week will reach a climax in Birmingham on Friday evening, May 6, with an instrumental concert at the Baldwin high school auditorium.

GLEE CLUB WILL SING TO BENEFIT PLAY PROGRAM

Still another event to swell the funds of the Birmingham Recreation Commission is the first formal Community Concert to be given at the Community House at 11 a. m. on Friday, May 13.

Have You Met? Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McIntire

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McIntire, 647 Mulford street, Birmingham, Ala., are returning to Birmingham from a recent visit to the University of Missouri and Columbia University.

WANT ADS WILL DO THE JOB

Each week these little Ads bring opportunity to many who are in need of services and many other miscellaneous wants.

With This Issue The Eccentric Celebrates Its 60th Anniversary

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

Away back in the spring of 1878 when Woodward avenue was a mere path leading by the name of "Sagebrush street" and the village dazed sleepily beneath gracious trees that arched along roadway and lane, history began.

With that issue, published by George H. Mitchell and Almeron Whitehead, The Eccentric entered upon a career of uninterrupted growth and development which reached a climax this week in the celebration of the paper's 60th anniversary.

AFFECTION, NEED OF CHILDHOOD, SAYS SPEAKER

Some of the causes of social maladjustments in adults were traced to an unhappy or unwanted childhood by Mrs. Helen Hogue of the Monticello High School, president of the Highland Park Parent-Teacher Association.

The development of happy, successful outgoing personalities depends not only on family relationships, Mrs. Hogue said, but on the school environment as well.

Alcoholism in adults, as an escape from the realities of life, may be traced to a feeling of inadequacy in childhood, Mrs. Hogue explained.

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STOUT SPEAKS ON FUTURE OF AVIATION

The \$300,000 issue of sewer revenue bonds will hold its closing meeting of the year Monday at the Community House at 11 a. m.

Prizes to be awarded in the model airplane contest sponsored by the Exchange Club will be on display this week in the Birmingham High School auditorium.

MRS. McLAY TO SPEAK AT MEETING OF LEAGUE

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In recognition of distinguished work done on publications in past years, six Baldwin High School seniors were selected to Quinn and Scrold, an international honorary society for high school journalists.

CLUB ANNOUNCES AIR MAIL CACHET FOR BIRMINGHAM

Plans for the local observance of National Air Mail week from May 15 to 21, are progressing under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Exchange Club.

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