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SUPT. H. D. CRULL PAYS TRIBUTE TO 'THE ECCENTRIC'

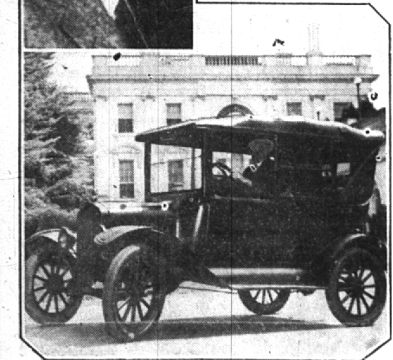
In recognition of the long and close association between Birmingham schools and The Eccentric, Superintendent Howard D. Crull, pays this tribute to George H. A. Merrill, publisher of the paper, 60th anniversary...

Octogenarian And Pioneer Subscriber Demands Action In Newspapers And Life

The Eccentric as a purveyor of "news from home" has been on the job right from the start, according to Miss Harriet Hill Kooz...

Ford Makes History—Old and New

The first visit of Henry Ford, left, to the White House since New Deal inception was marked by both current and ancient history...



becoming part of the old Hill School, under the administration building of the Board of Education. Pupils were charged \$5.00 a semester as tuition, and there were three terms during the year.

Edward Bodine was the first and only graduate of the school in 1880, but in a decade, the enrollment had increased to 317, with a faculty of six members. W. G. Cook was superintendent, and the high school offered a well-organized course.

Today, with Edward D. Crull as superintendent of schools, membership in the public schools has reached a new all-time high of over 2755 pupils. Although in 1929, there were 113 teachers employed, there are today 89 teachers and five principals.

After the Civil War, in 1887, Roland Trowbridge assisted in raising \$12,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school building. This structure was finished in 1895.

COGNITION

Mr. Hall had divided between his daughter, and it was there they built their home. She has lived there ever since. Mrs. Kooz has been a resident of Birmingham for most of her 88 years, and there isn't much about the city that she dislikes...

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Mr. Kooz, who was Birmingham's first upholsterer, was never out of work either, but the expansion for that line in the work of his wife. "He was thoroughly acquainted with his work, and always did it as though it were his own. And when there wasn't any more business, he went out and made a living for himself."

LIVE and LEARN logo with a cartoon character and the text 'By Alice Ann Sanders'.

The preacher was announcing the coming Sunday School convention to the district Sunday School convention will be held in the Baptist church at Milan next Sunday afternoon. As to the speaker, some of the members of the committee have not yet decided but I know he will be a first-class speaker.

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BIRMINGHAM, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1878. PRICE, TWO CENTS.

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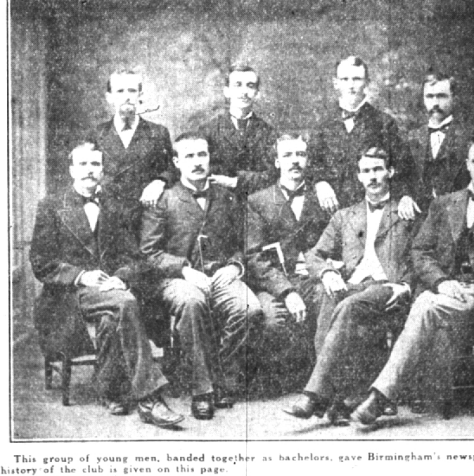
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THE ECCENTRIC CLUB

The Eccentric Club Back In 1878. The next time you pay a visit to the modern office of The Eccentric, ask one of the staff to point out to you the old fashioned photograph that hangs in its quaint old waiting room...



This group of young men, bachelors, gave Birmingham's newspaper its name. The history of the club is given on this page.

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ABOUT IT—SIXTY YEARS AGO

If you had lived 60 years ago in Birmingham, you would no doubt, have waited anxiously for the first issue of the new paper, widely heralded, which was to be called "The Birmingham Eccentric."

And when it finally appeared you would have scanned it eagerly for news of your friends. On this page appears a replica of Page One of Volume One, Number one, which was issued May 2, 1878—60 years ago.

And the first bit of enlightening information in Column One of Page One, is the fact you would have observed, that C. W. Jenks was adequately prepared to build you a nice coffin or sell you the Sweepstakes Thresher, depending upon which you needed most.

Progressing to the new column entitled "Eccentricities," you would soon have been astonished to learn that you could subscribe to The Eccentric for 50 cents a year. Just think, the column invited, "A paper containing the local news of Birmingham and vicinity, one year for 50 cents."

PHOTOGRAPH OF ECCENTRIC CLUB SURVIVES TODAY

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It is a picture of The Eccentric Club, an organization to which Whitehead and Mitchell, founders of this newspaper, belonged as young men. The club took its name from an organization in one of Jules Verne's novels...

False Alarm. ST. JOHNS—Local citizens were aroused over recent midnight fire on the wall of a warehouse building. It was a false alarm, however, as a sudden blast wind had forced a door ajar, thus setting off the alarm.

Odd Accident. MANTON—Albert McKinley of near Morey is reported to have had the sight of an eye severely injured by an accident. He was trying on a can lid with a fork. The fork slipped and pierced his eye.