

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Birmingham's 100 Years of Incorporation

Section I—Government

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Taking A Backward Glance



PICTURESQUE OLD FIRE HOSE TOWER
Located on W. Maple, it served as storage place.



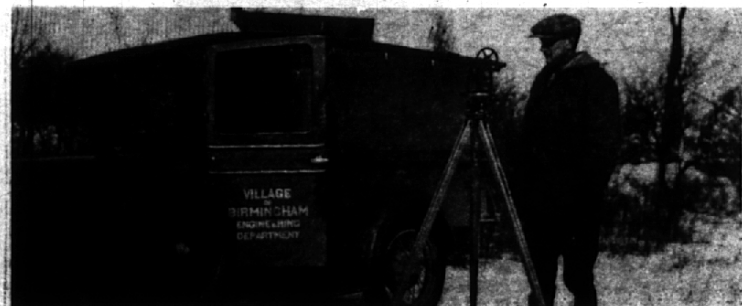
STALWART GROUP OF VOLUNTEER FIREMEN
They all came running at first clang of the bell.



GUARDIANS OF THE CITY IN 1929
They kept law and order in a fast growing community.



LADIES' LIBRARY HALL IN 1893
Property cost \$1,500, building itself \$4,500.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AT WORK
Whatever the weather, City Engineer Ralph Main was on the job.

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Birmingham's earliest settlers — "first family," the Hunters; also "forgotten brother" Rufus. See stories, pictures on page 3.

From village to city—Birmingham government including village presidents, mayors since 1864. See stories, pictures on page 5.

Police and volunteer fire departments had little to do in quiet village. See stories, pictures on page 7.

Library, post office served needs of a growing community. See stories, pictures on page 13.