

The Birmingham Eccentric

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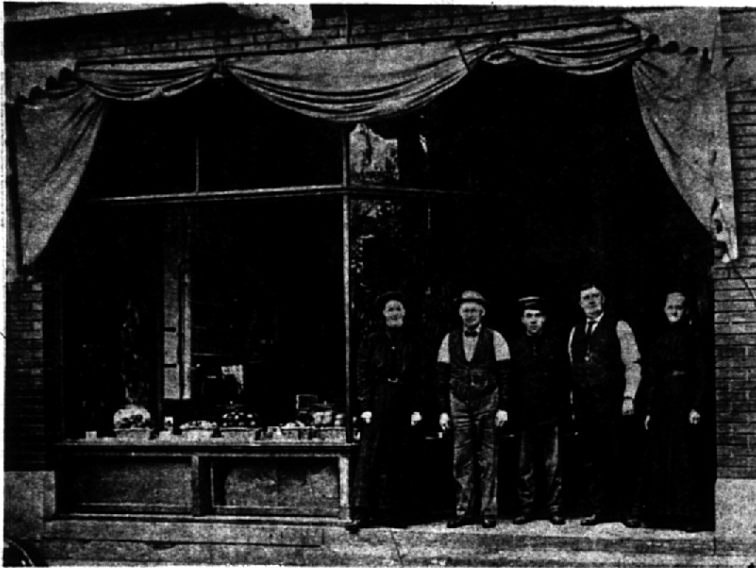
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Birmingham's 100 Years of Incorporation

Section III—Business and Industry—

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Before The Supermarket Era



SPENCER-FERGUSON GROCERY BOASTED ELECTRIC SIGN
1910 meat market on S. Woodward featured "live" poultry.



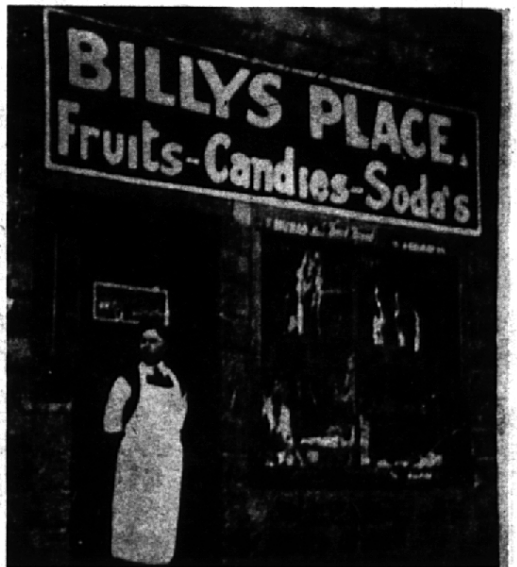
NORTHWEST CORNER OF WOODWARD, MAPLE IN 1881
Block housed Masonic Temple, shoe shop, barber and tailor's.



JOHN HANNA'S GENERAL STORE, EARLY 1900's
It was located on southwest corner of Woodward, Maple.



ED O'NEAL'S SHOP ON WOODWARD
A harness for dobbin or a pedal for your bicycle.



BILLY McBRIDE OPENED FIRST GROCERY
Fruits, candies and sodas were specialties of the house.

IN THIS SECTION

Early Birmingham merchants made peaceful little village hum with activity. See story, picture, page 3.

What will the business district of tomorrow be like in Birmingham? For details of Central Business District Development plan see story, map, page 5.

Two clerks started town's first newspaper on a shoestring. For a descriptive account of The Eccentric's early years see full page of stories, pictures, page 7.

In 1931 village marked the beginning of commuter service. It was a day of celebration and festivity. See story, pictures, page 13.

Once the industrial center of middle Oakland County, town has become primarily a residential community, but still has small manufacturing area. See story, picture, page 15.