

To be thorough in one activity ought to set a pattern of behavior that requires reasonable thoroughness in other pursuits. For example, if today's educational procedures do not require thoroughness in one subject, why expect students to be thorough in others?

**The Old Mill Stream Slows to a Trickle**

A LETTER OF commendation and thanks has been received by DeHull Travis, 1027 Forest, for his recent writing of "The Cross", recounting of the service and aid of the American Red Cross. The letter, from ARC President E. Roland Harriman, said the story, which will be included in the book Travis is writing is "... most interesting as well as informative."

**HAZARDS FACED BY** Birmingham firemen are not confined to the flames and smoke of three-alarm fires. This fact was borne out by the experience of 28-year-old fireman John Milford last week when he "hit the pole" in response to an alarm occasioned by an automobile that was on fire on Hunter Boulevard. In making his slide down the pole from the firemen's quarters to the garage, Milford got going a little too fast and as a result he cracked a bone in his heel when he reached the bottom. Milford is recuperating at his home this week, but he will be back on duty soon.

**LAST WEEK THE ECCENTRIC** received an anonymous letter from "A Reader", in which that writer made some serious statements regarding a lack of entertainment and recreational facilities for local high school students. The contents of the letter will be taken up with Birmingham school officials. Again readers are reminded that The Eccentric does not publish anonymous letters; letters may be published, however, without revealing the writer's name.

**THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT** the various draft boards have been in operation was forcibly brought to mind this week in the telling of a father and son story. Back in 1940, Edward H. Laird, 363 George, was appointed as one of the three original members of the local board to process Birmingham and Bloomfield inductees. During the opening days of World War II, Laird laughingly reminded his then 11-year-old son, Edward, that he would catch up to his socked day. Now in 1953, 13 years after the father's appointment, young Edward has received his induction notice to report for service September 23, and his father is still serving on the local board.

**THE OLE' FRIED EGG ON THE** sidewalk gag might have been possible during Monday afternoon's searing heat. An Eccentric reporter was driving west on Nine Mile road in Southfield township at 3 p.m., when a sudden shower struck so heavily that visibility was almost zero. Five minutes after the rain stopped, the scorched pavement had evaporated the water completely.

**IN THE MIDST** of Monday afternoon's most welcome rain, a group of youngsters on Ruffner reverted to football rooters' tactics. Forming a line, they marched up the middle of the street, chanting at the tops of their voices, "We want rain! We want rain!" A lot of adults would have liked to join the halting suited youngsters but didn't quite have the nerve.

**THE ECCENTRIC'S CORRESPONDENT** in the Wing Lake-Foxcroft area, Jill Roberts, tells of the problem faced by Foxcroft's G. H. Anderson. In August, 1952, another G. H. Anderson, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, was killed when his plane crashed. Because they have confused the two names, the living G. H. Anderson frequently meets people who believe him dead. Last week, correspondent Roberts tells us, the "ghost" and his wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ford Lemler from Ann Arbor, loaded family and guests into the car and headed for Kensington Park for a picnic. Funny place for a ghost, Mrs. Roberts maintains.

**WHILE TURNING A CORNER** on Oakland Monday, this Wanderer noticed a gray haired lady behind some bushes that bordered a lawn. Closer observation showed that she was dragging a garden hose through the bushes, and as she peered furtively through the leaves at passing traffic, she directed a forceful spray of water on a beautifully green and well kept lawn. Since Monday was an odd numbered day, and the lady was so secretively watering stretched before an even numbered house, it could be reasoned that she was ignoring the water restrictions occasioned by the current drought.

**Early Copy Next Week, Please!**

What with Labor Day arriving next Monday, The Eccentric's work-week will be only 4 1/2 days instead of the usual 5 1/2. Therefore, for the issue of Thursday, Sept. 10, all

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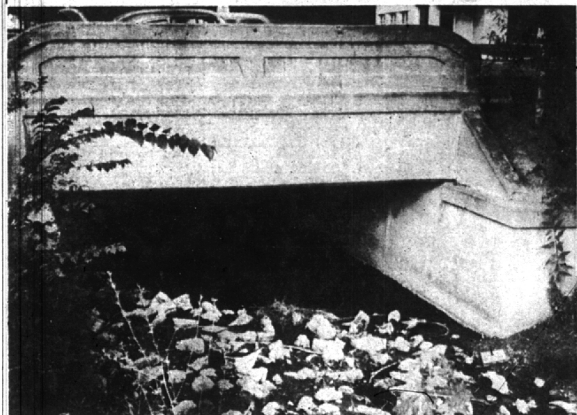
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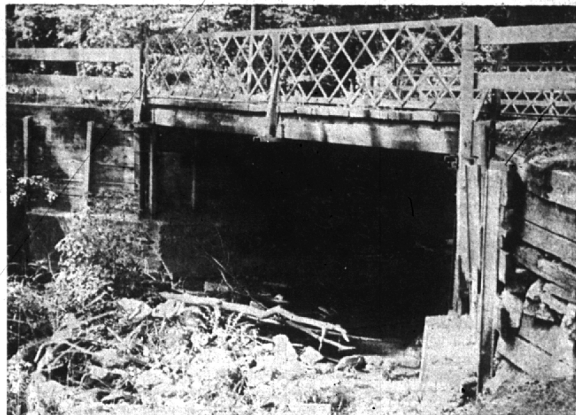
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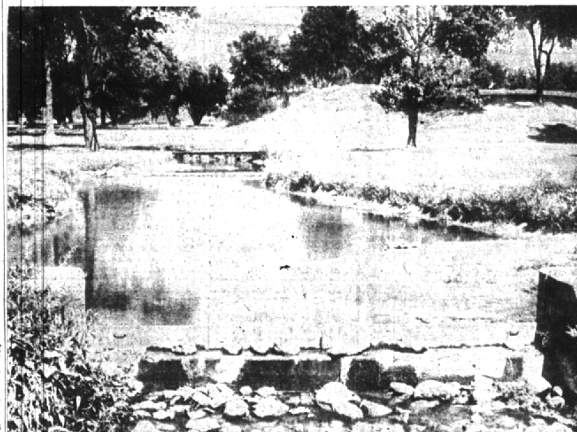
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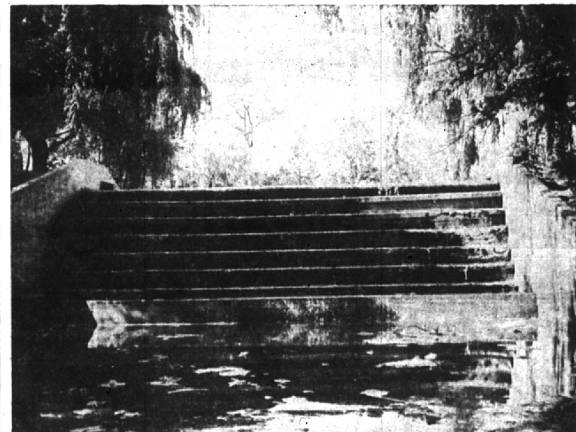
**THE ROUGE RIVER**, too, is feeling the effects of the unusually high temperatures the past two weeks. The East Branch has no flowing water, and only a comparatively few water holes. The picture above is of the N. Woodward bridge. In the foreground is the dry, debris-littered stream bed.



**AT THE WILLETS STREAM BRIDGE** is another water hole, and considerably more rubbish is evident.



**SOME WATER** is found above this small dam at the city's Springdale Park. The pond furnishes water for sprinkling of greens and trees at the golf course, but watering activities have been reduced because water is not flowing into the pond at anything approximating normal rate.



**ONLY PLACE** the Rouge is flowing at all is down the west branch, whose headwaters is in Bloomfield Hills. However, this flow is the trickling type, and is barely discernible coming over the Quarton Lake dam in the photo above. (Eccentric Staff Photos). For more about local weather and water, see Page One, Section One.

**Auto Smash-ups Climb to 22 During August**

Twenty-two automobile accidents took place in the city of Birmingham during the month of August, according to Ralph W. Mixley, chief of police. A breakdown of the monthly accident report shows that 20 of the accidents resulted in property damage and two accidents resulted in injuries to two people. Estimated damages in these accidents totaled \$9,112.60. Failure to stop in the clear distance ahead led the list of traffic violations involved in the 22 accidents. Chief Mixley explained that too many drivers follow the cars ahead of them at too narrow a distance and at excessive speeds. These practices accounted for 8 of the 18 traffic violations cited.

The August report shows some improvement over the July report when 26 accidents occurred. Six personal injury accidents resulting in injuries to eight persons were recorded for July with one person being killed. Total estimated damage for July was set at \$9,025.

The August report of one year ago listed 19 accidents, four persons injured in three personal injury accidents, and an estimated property damage of \$5,100.

Chief Mixley sounded a note of warning to drivers during the month of September. "Be especially alert during September," he said, "children are returning to school. Many have been away for the summer, but they are now returning and every driver should do his utmost to protect them."

**B'ham School Offices Open for Registrars**  
School offices, with the exception of Bloomfield Village, Franklin and Walnut Lake schools, are open according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent, be open dur-

ing the week of September 1-4 for the registration of new students. Parents of children and youth entering Birmingham public schools for the first time are urged to complete their enrollment prior to the opening of school. Kindergarten children are to report Wednesday, Sept. 3, for the session to which they are assigned, morning or afternoon. All other students are to report for classes on Tuesday morning, September 8, for the forenoon session, only. Full sessions will be held on September 9 and thereafter.

**Lot Fill Cost Report To City**

Owners of two low vacant lots in the city will be notified of the city's cost of filling the lots, city commissioners agreed Monday night. The city's engineering department reported that the estimated cost of filling a lot on Coolidge between Buckingham and Dorchester would be between \$100 and \$125 while the filling of a lot on Torry between Sheffield and Taunton would cost \$25. The Coolidge lot may be developed soon, the city learned, and filling of this lot may be necessary.

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