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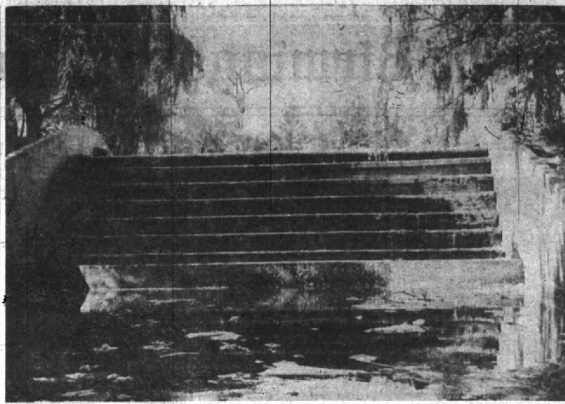
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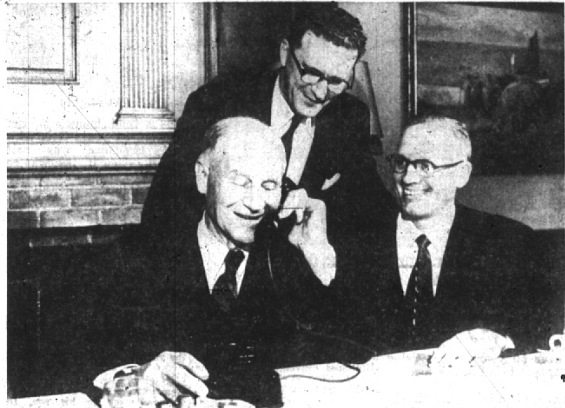
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DROUGHT WAS THE TOPIC of conversation during September. As water levels dropped in the city's wells and the city commission imposed restrictions on lawn sprinkling, the River Rouge slowed to a mere trickle. Only place where movement of water was discernible on the Rouge was at the Quarton Lake dam (pictured above) where a thin dribble found its way to the creek bed.



IT WAS A BIG DAY FOR BIRMINGHAM and the local office of the Michigan Bell Telephone company when on Nov. 20, coast-to-coast dialing was inaugurated in the city. Mayor Pro tem Lance Minor, right, officially launched the new system at an informal ceremony by dialing a call direct to John A. Palmer, former Birmingham resident, now in Pittsburgh. Also present was Ray A. Palmer, left, father of John, who talked with his son. A. H. Warner, standing, manager here for Michigan Bell, served as master-of-ceremonies for the occasion and officially dedicated the new system to the people of the city of Birmingham.

1953 HIGHLIGHTS

(Continued from Page 8, Sec. 3) will carry the case all the way to the U. S. Civil Service Commission in Washington in an effort to have the charges proven false.

Birmingham's annual Halloween party held Oct. 31 has been acclaimed a great success. A shorter and better lighted parade route met with the approval of parents who stated that they believed their children went through the parade without becoming as tired as in former years.

A report from Birmingham's 60 man Citizens' Fire Committee revealed this week that progress by the committee in its search for the proper answer to the City's fire department needs is slow. Officials of the committee could not determine when a report with recommendations would be submitted to the city commission.

With nine days yet to go, the Torch Drive in the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin area has reached 70 per cent of its goal. So far 1,000 volunteer collectors have amassed \$100,450 of the quota of \$152,718.

Issue of Nov. 12

Lt. Henry Timm of the Birmingham police department reported

this week that juvenile crime is definitely on the increase in the city. Timm stated that so far in 1953 over 180 youngsters between the ages of 11 and 16 have been arrested for criminal offenses.

With only two days left in the campaign, Torch Drive workers are scurrying about in an effort to collect \$12,768, the amount they need to meet the \$152,718 goal for the Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin area.

The Bloomfield Hills city commission, Nov. 16, elected one of their members James A. Beresford to fill the vacancy in the Mayor's chair left by the resignation last month of Ex-mayor Walter O. Briggs, Jr. Beresford has been a commissioner for five years, and has been acting mayor since Briggs' resignation.

Birmingham's city commission learned Nov. 9 that it would cost the city \$100,000 to operate for three years a parking lot at Woodward and Wilets that has been proposed by a group of northwest section merchants. Commissioners plan to discuss the proposed project further after residents of the area near the site have a chance to look over the plans.

The Birmingham school system was ranked in the top five percent of schools across the nation for

educational excellence this week following the announcement of the results of Iowa Tests of Educational Development taken recently by local high school students. Dr. Lyle Spencer, of Science Research, Administrators of the tests, stated that he could not think of more than five school systems in the country that equaled or surpassed Birmingham.

Issue of Nov. 16
Howard E. Estess, 422 Riverchase, announced today that effective Dec. 16 he will retire as representative of the Third Oakland district to the State Legislature. Estes stated that he was retiring after nine years in the legislature to devote his full energies to his position as manager of the Oakland County Infirmary.

Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin volunteers in the Torch Drive went over the top as the last results of the fund raising campaign were tallied. The area's goal of \$152,000 was exceeded by \$20,000.

Voters of the Bloomfield Hills school district will go to the polls Monday, Nov. 23, to pass judgment on a \$1,550,000 bond issue. Purpose of the bond issue is to build a new high school and to build an addition to an existing elementary.

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