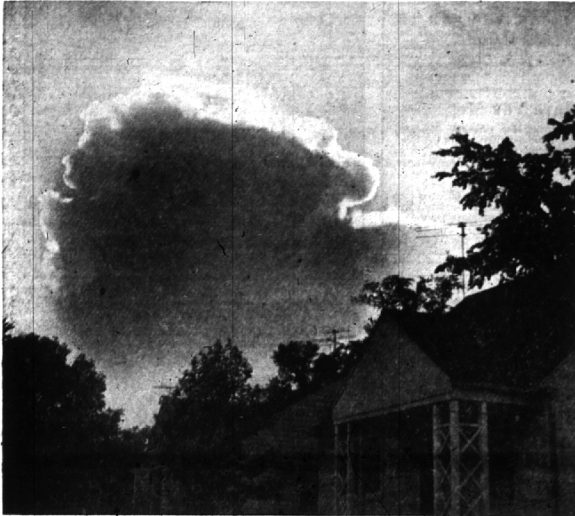


*In part, character may be imparted to one by environment, but most of it grows through self-discipline, helping one to resist wrong temptations. Without character, mere intellectual talents are poor tools.*



**IT'S NOT AN** atomic cloud that hovered over Detroit during the recent civil defense test, but the resemblance struck staff member Alice Morgan of The Eccentric, who snapped the picture late last evening. The setting sun sharply outlined the cloud, accenting the feathery sprays whipped out by a high wind. Easily discernible are the three layers of cloud which composes the formation. (Eccentric Photo)



**Posing Puppies Poses Problem**

**SHARON LEWIS** had her hands full trying to keep eight healthy, mischievous weimaraner puppies and their mother in camera range. Phoenix of Heart's Desire, owned by Mr. and Mrs. David H. Lewis, Jr., 1599 Witherbee, managed to get her head into the picture and portray the weary, bewildered mother as she surveys her brood. Nine of her 10 puppies survived, but Phoenix had to send out an SOS at mealtime to have someone of the Lewis family pinch hit with a bottle. The puppies, one of which has been sold, will be eight weeks old Sunday. (Eccentric Photo)



**A Bird in the Hand**

**WHEN IT COMES** to raising robins, the F. E. Webb family, 197 Sheffield, is headed for the expert class. Here Chris and Red pose with Eeenie, Minie and Mo, the current crop rescued after taking a too-early trip from the nest. Two years ago the Webbs raised Tweetie who, when released in a nearby cemetery, continued to come when called for several weeks. Like Tweetie, the 1955 trio is being fed a diet of raw ground beef, supplemented with bread and milk. Very tame, the young birds come when called, allow themselves to be picked up at any time, and perch unconcernedly all over their young "nurses". Neighborhood assistance in their upbringing has been offered Tom and Terry Heydon. (Eccentric Photo)



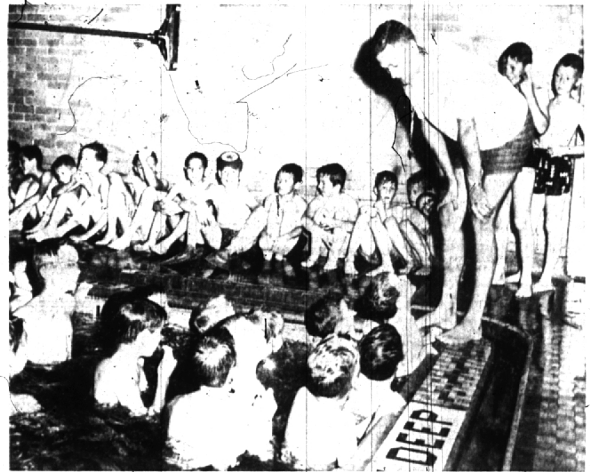
**13-Year-Old Teaches Ballet**

**THIS YOUTHFUL BALLET** teacher is Sharon Harrie, who presented her 25 students before 200 parents and friends at Community House recently. Teaching for two years, she has also kept taking lessons in ballet and tap dancing. Over 25 are enrolled in her summer classes, which like the others are taught in her home's basement, 1439 Stanley. Milky the Clown provided entertainment for the recital because of the large number attending.

**Kingswood Girls Flying Abroad**

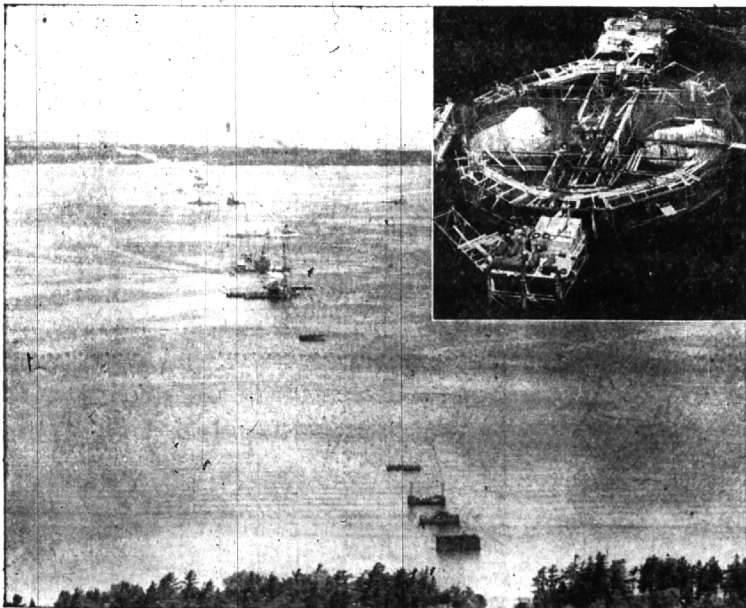


**OFF TO EUROPE** on an extensive tour are these Kingswood students on vacation, with Charlotte Wetherald, left front, as their adviser on the trip. Left to right front are Joan Lang, Mirra Neely and Judy Earle, center row, Sally Ann Meyer and Melinda Booth, and back row, Sally Arnold and Ann Oliver. Their air trip over the ocean and other travel was arranged by the Birmingham Travel service.



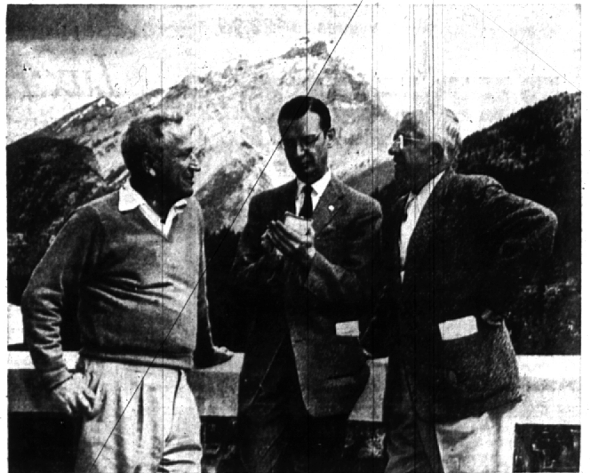
**Beginners Get A Swim Lesson**

**INSTRUCTOR DON GROTHE** conducts the beginners' swimming class for boys at Barnum Pool. Swimming for children and adults is offered in the recreation program of Birmingham, with special classes for beginners. (Eccentric Photo)



**Bridging the Straits**

**ON THEIR VISITS** into the Northland this summer, Birmingham residents may get a look at this construction on the new Mackinac bridge. This aerial photo clearly shows all but six foundations on the south side, all those on north side. **AT UPPER RIGHT:** The main tower foundation. The two 38-ft. diameter towers are being constructed on the caisson foundation, 116 ft. in diameter. The latter will be cut off at 8 ft. below water, the 527 ft. high tower will rest on twin concrete superstructures erected to 25 ft. above water.



**Convention In Canada**

**GEORGE R. AVERILL** (right) publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, and Philip T. Rich, Midland (Mich.) publisher, give their impressions of the Canadian Rockies to Graham Nichols, public relations man at Banff Springs Hotel, Alberta, Canada. This was the scene of the National Editorial convention, which both publishers attended. They will proceed into the Northwest U.S. before returning to Birmingham. (Canadian Pacific Photo)