



**Her own lagoon:** A mother duck had to herd her ducklings into the safety of a "lagoon" by the river banks because of the high speed of the river flow. At upper right, the Rouge flowed heavily, bringing debris.



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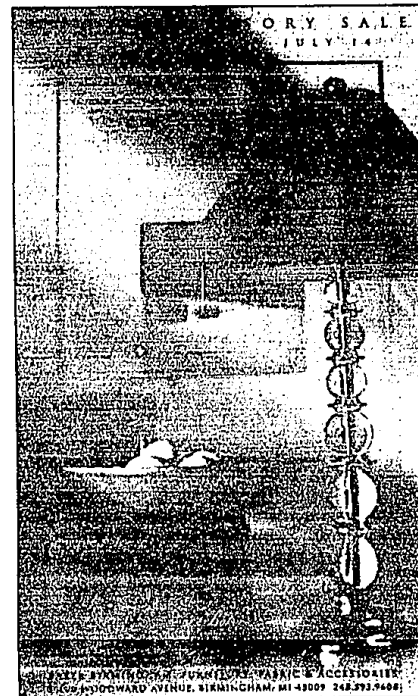
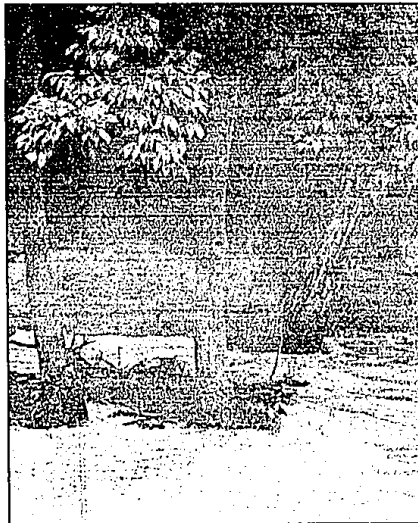
## A river runs through it

**W**ow! After the downpour last Saturday night and early Sunday morning, a pond or lake of sorts greeted folks at Shiloh Park on Power Road in Farmington.

But Kevin Gushman, public services director, said the pond-like conditions in the park didn't mean something was wrong.

In fact, the park, which is a flood plain was doing exactly what it was supposed to do. "It's a natural drainage pattern," he said.

Police put up yellow tape to warn visitors in areas where the water had not yet receded. "Everything runs toward the river (which meanders through the park)," Gushman said.



**Torrent:** Picnic areas (above) were taped off by the police to keep people away from the fast flowing Rouge River and overflow in the park. At right, trees that once were just sitting on the banks of the Rouge became surrounded by heavily flowing and swirling water and debris.

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