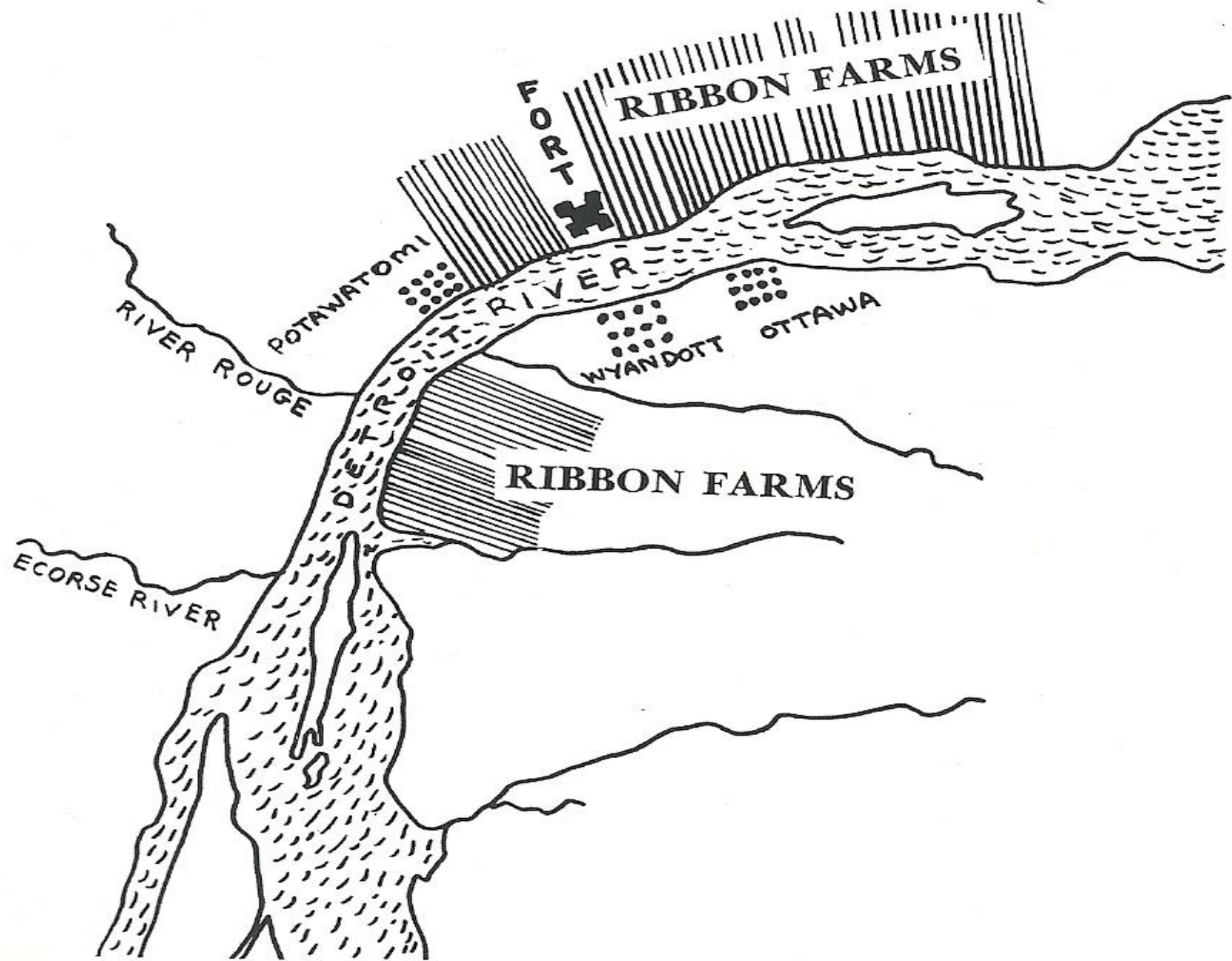


# Ecorse Along the Detroit River







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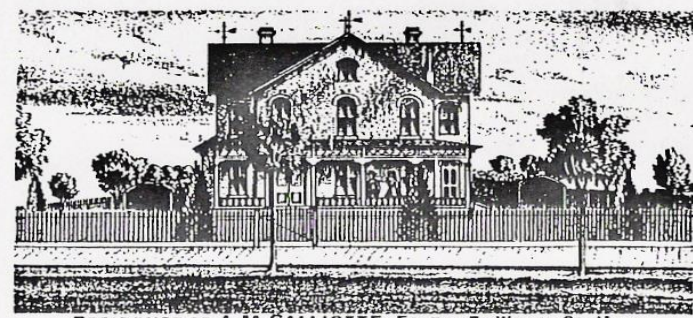
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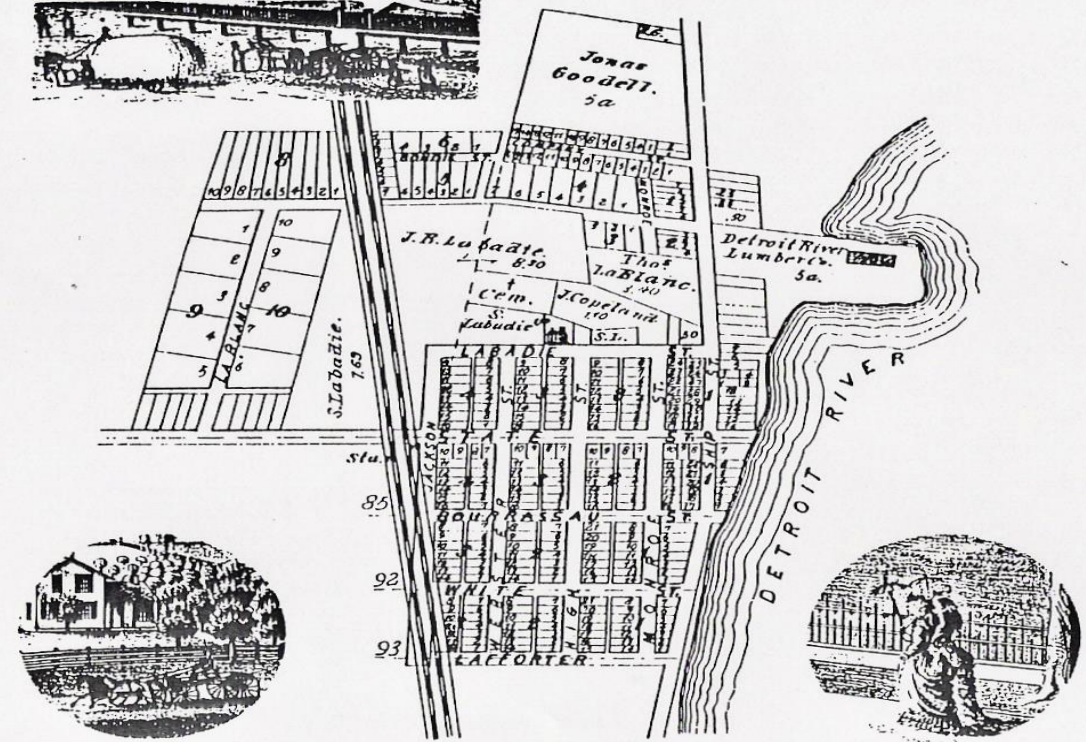




# Grand Port



RESIDENCE OF A.M. SALLIOTTE, ECORSE TP. WAYNE CO., MICH.

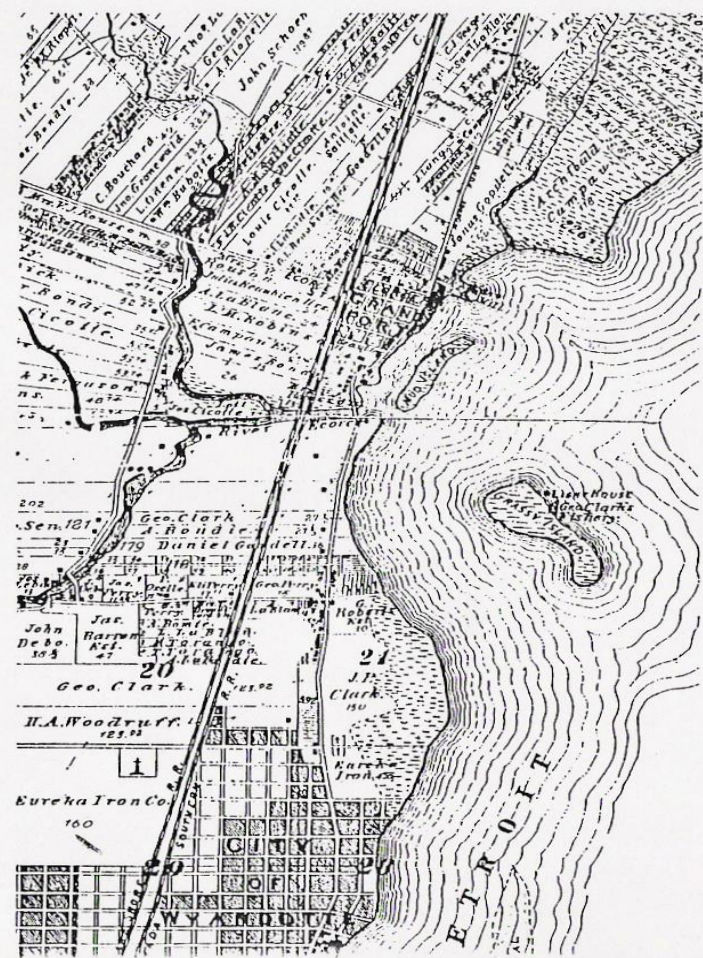


The above map of the Village of Grand Port, now part of the City of Ecorse, and the partial map of Ecorse Township (at right >>> ) was reproduced from a Wayne County Atlas published in 1875. This restaurant is located on Ship Street at the foot of State Street, formerly St. Cosme Line Road, now called Southfield Road. Ship Street was part of Detroit-Monroe Road, now called West Jefferson in Ecorse and Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte.

Grand Port, also called Ecorse Village, was the business center of Ecorse Township. Among its trading, shopping and other conveniences was a railroad station serving the Michigan and Canada Southern Railroads, water shipping facilities, two saw mills, and a post office which was located near where you are now standing.

In 1902 Grand Port became part of the incorporated Village of Ecorse, named from the original French "Ecorces". The first village president was Alexis M. Salliotte whose former homesite (S.E. corner Southfield Rd. & High) can be seen from the front windows of this restaurant. The Salliotte homestead, reportedly built in 1850, is pictured at right as it appeared in 1875. The home was demolished around 1970. During the 1800's and into this century you could look north to what is now the foot of West Outer Drive and see the Detroit River Lumber Co. Not too far away was the Salliotte & Raupp's Lumber Company, owned by Alexis M. Salliotte and Gustave A. Raupp. Raupp's resting place is the old St. Francis Xavier Cemetery at Third Street and Cicotte.

In 1942 Ecorse became a City. Lafforter Street is now LeBlanc Street. Rich in heritage and history, Ecorse will always be hometown to hundreds of families with many fond





The unincorporated village of Grandport, now part of Ecorse, was the hub of the sprawling farmland district. By 1873, Grandport contained about 15 business establishments centered around State Street, now Southfield, which followed its present route to Van Horn Road. The Monroe Road, part of Southfield, was a major stage route from Detroit to cities in the east.

The Ecorse businesses included:

- Alexander Bondie's Saloon, located at the corner of State and Jefferson, N.E.
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- A.M. Salliotte, General Store and Notary Public, Jefferson and State Street



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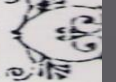
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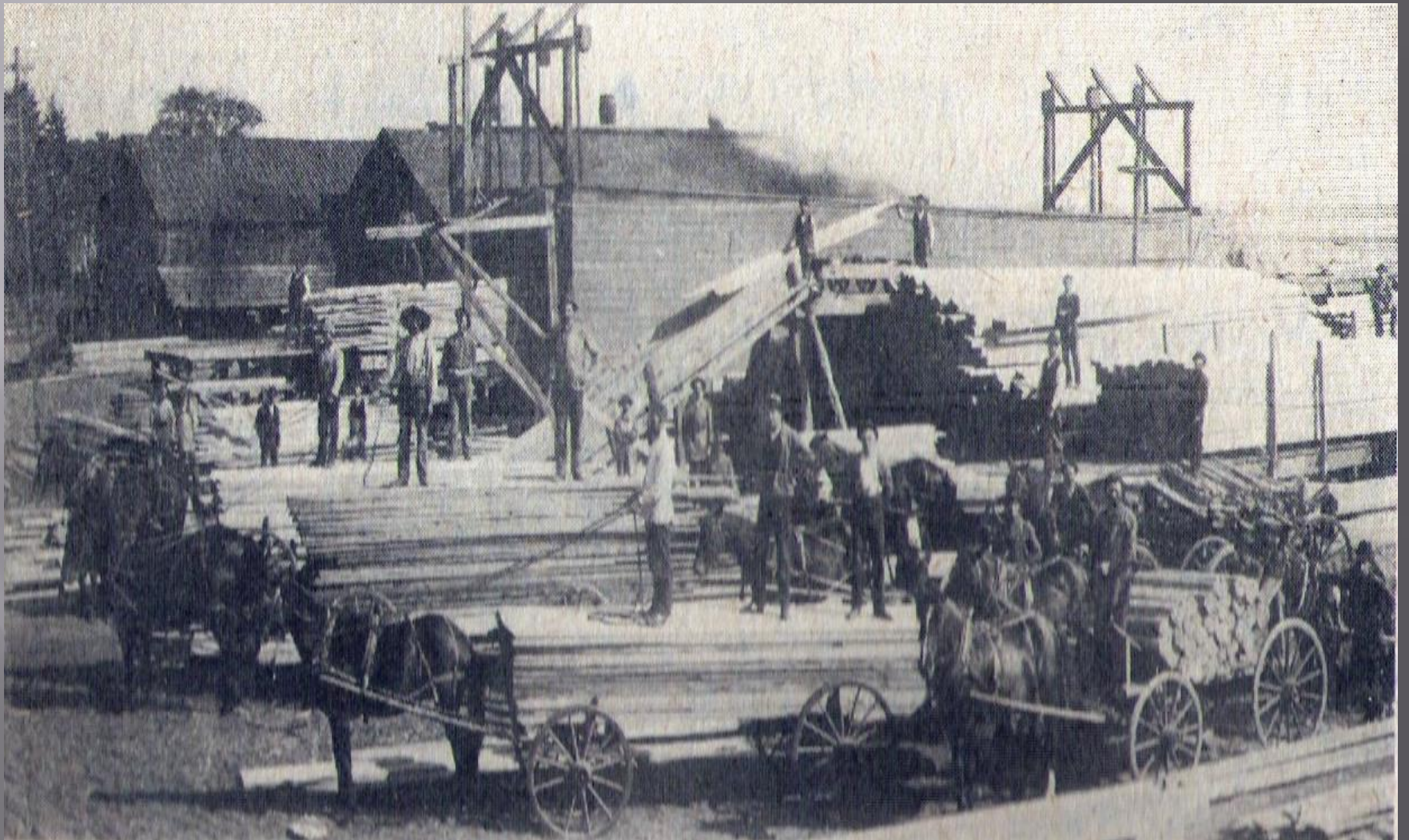
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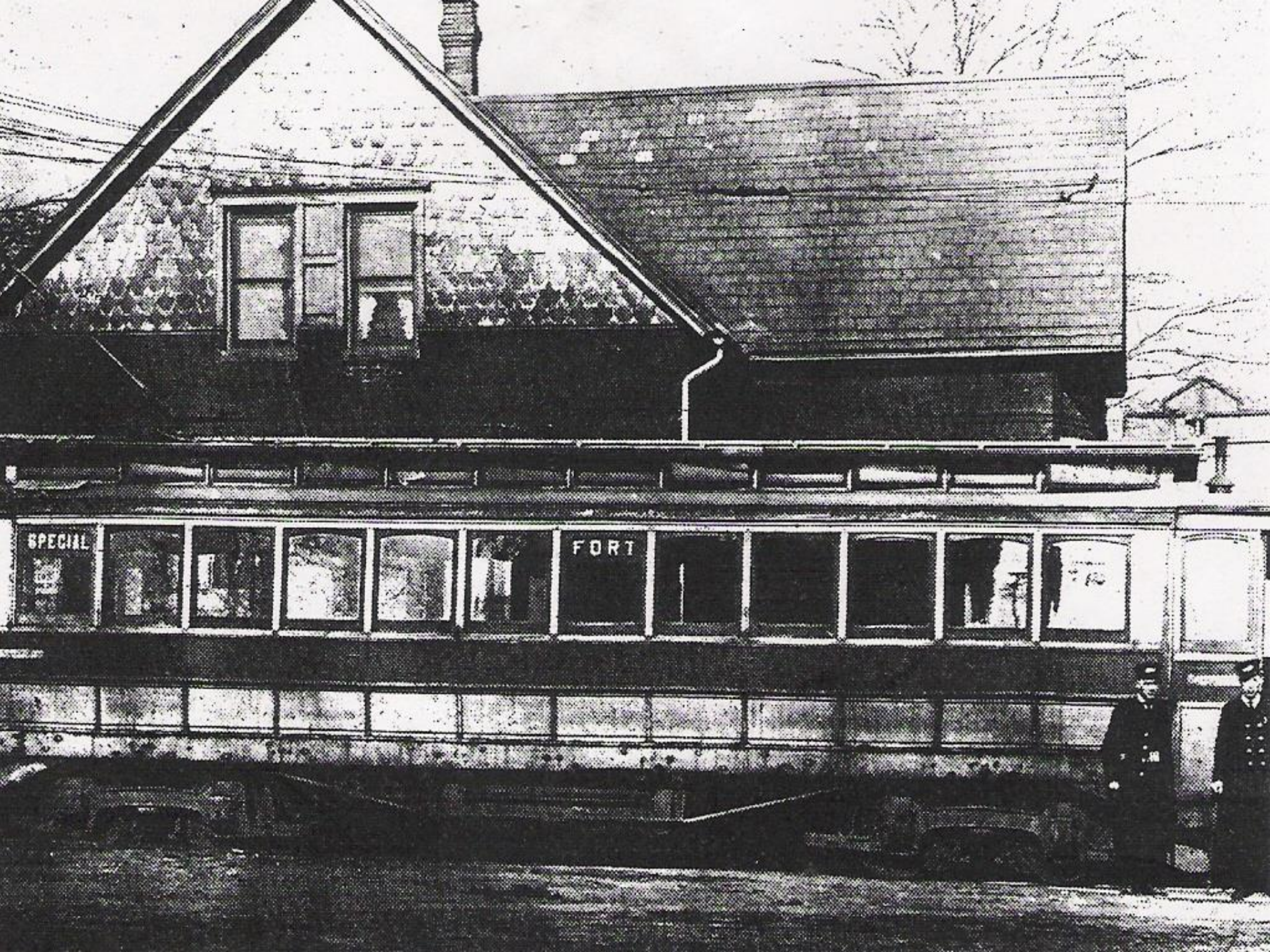
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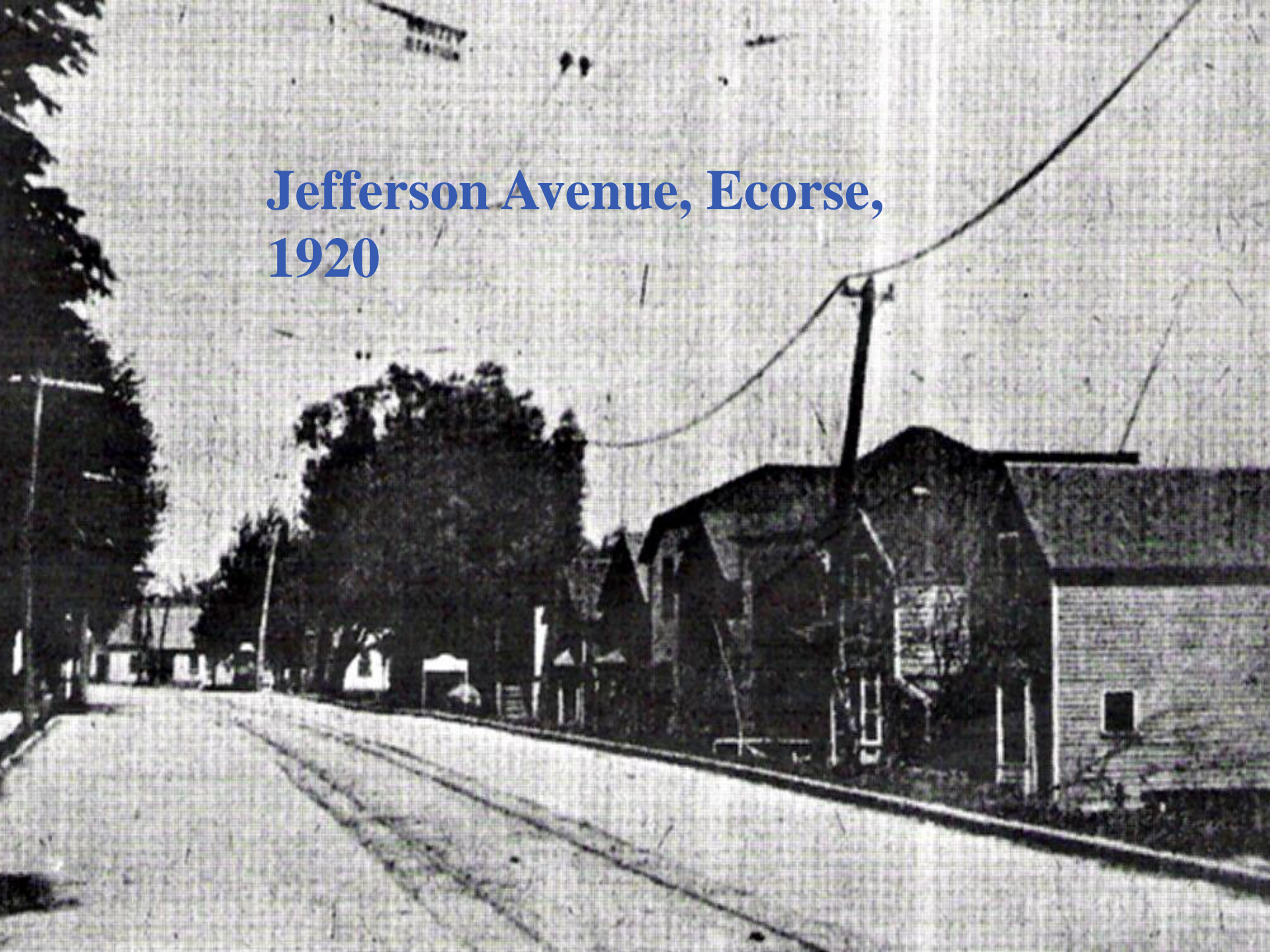
# Streetcars on Jefferson Avenue

In the early 1900s, West Jefferson through Trenton, Wyandotte, River Rouge, and Ecorse was a mud road and the streetcar the transportation of necessity for the citizens of these communities. The conductor is not identified, but the motorman in the photo was Sampson Lake of Ecorse.

The DUR or Detroit Urban Railroad operated these streetcars between 1892 and 1932. People used them for business, social, and shopping trips to Detroit and even for funeral trips to visit Woodmere and Woodlawn Cemeteries in Detroit. Rental arrangements could be made for a special car and the casket was carried along with the mourners. For happier trips people rented a special car called the Yolapoa to take them to parties and other festive occasions.



**Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse,  
1920**







Jefferson Avenue,  
Ecorse - 1930

Jefferson Avenue 1930





This building on West Jefferson Avenue in Ecorse overlooked horses, wagons, and streetcar scenes in 1906.

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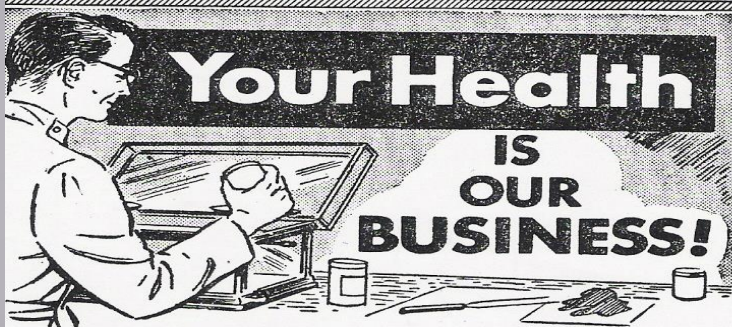
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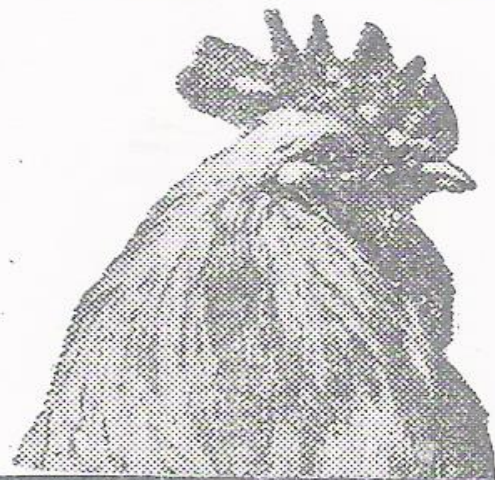
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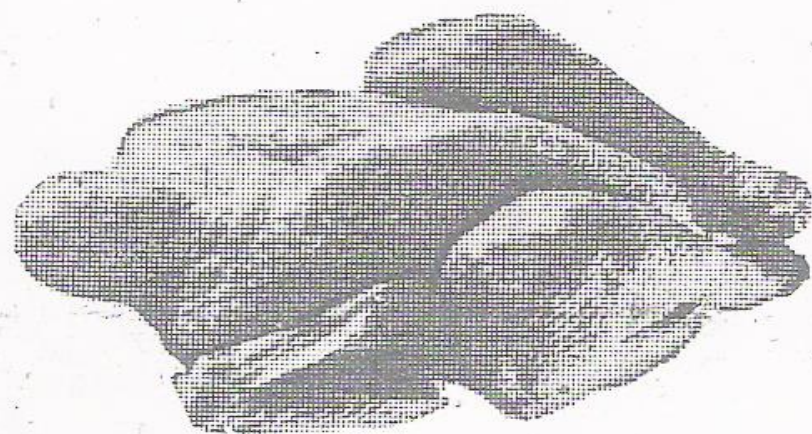
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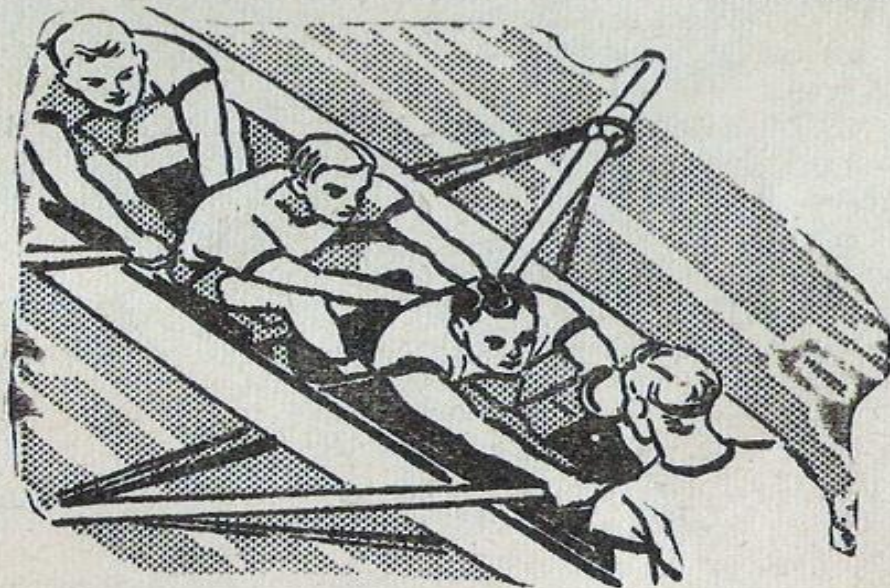
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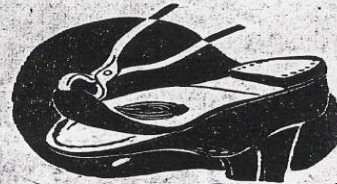
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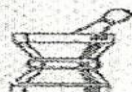
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While my mother waited for my dad to come back from World War II, she lived with her parents, Joseph and Ruth Robson at 4296 Beach Street, Ecorse.





Growing up in the Ecorse of the 1950s and 1960s was magical for me. We lived at 4277 Pitt Street, between Benson and Goodell. I loved swimming in the Municipal Swimming Pool at the Municipal Field across from the old city hall on High Street and playing on the swings and monkey bars next to the pool



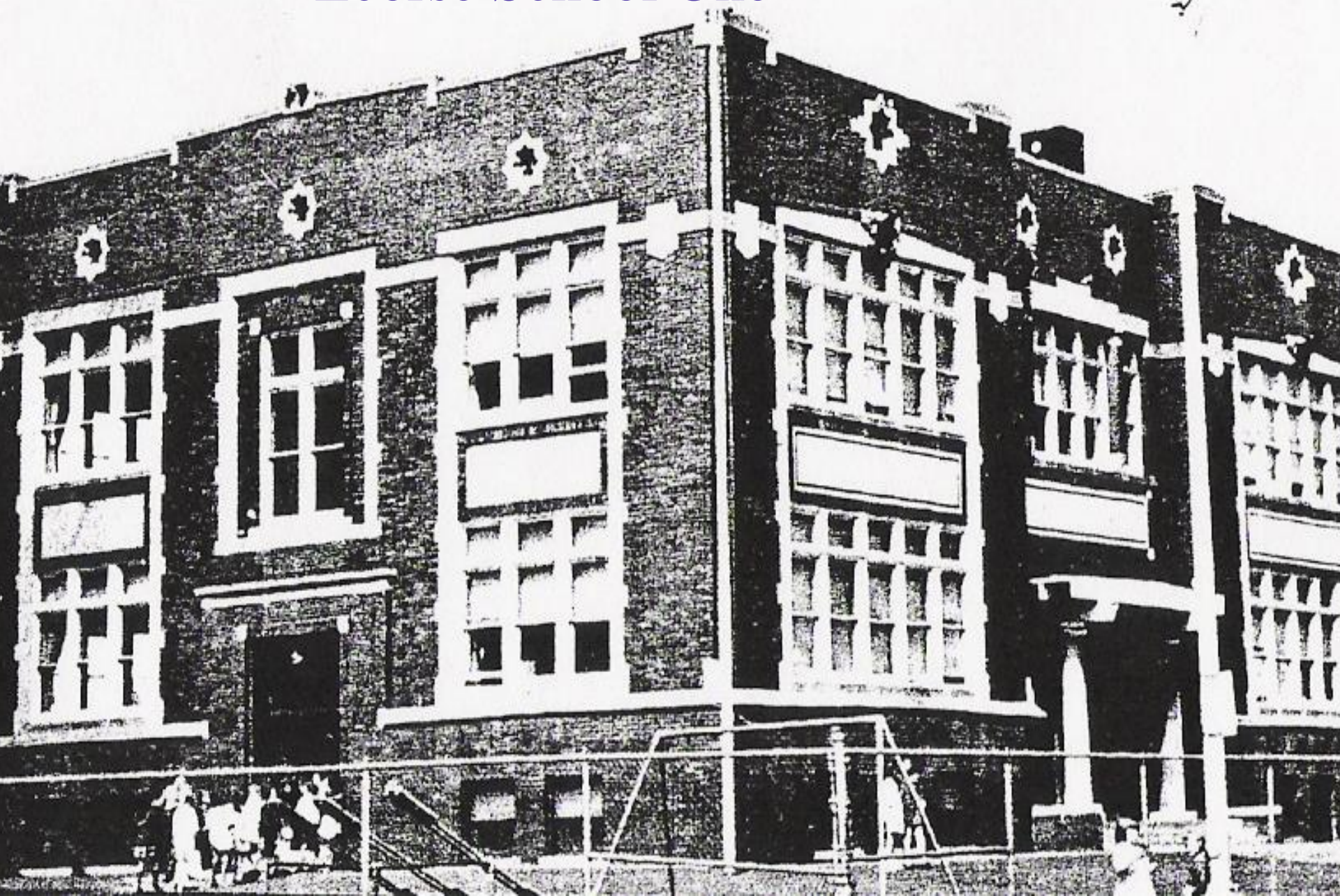


Every day on my walk to School One, I crossed the railroad tracks on High Street which are still there and stopped by the fishpond by the old Ecorse City Hall to drop a penny in the fish pond and make a wish. (Sometimes two or three wishes!)





# Ecorse School One

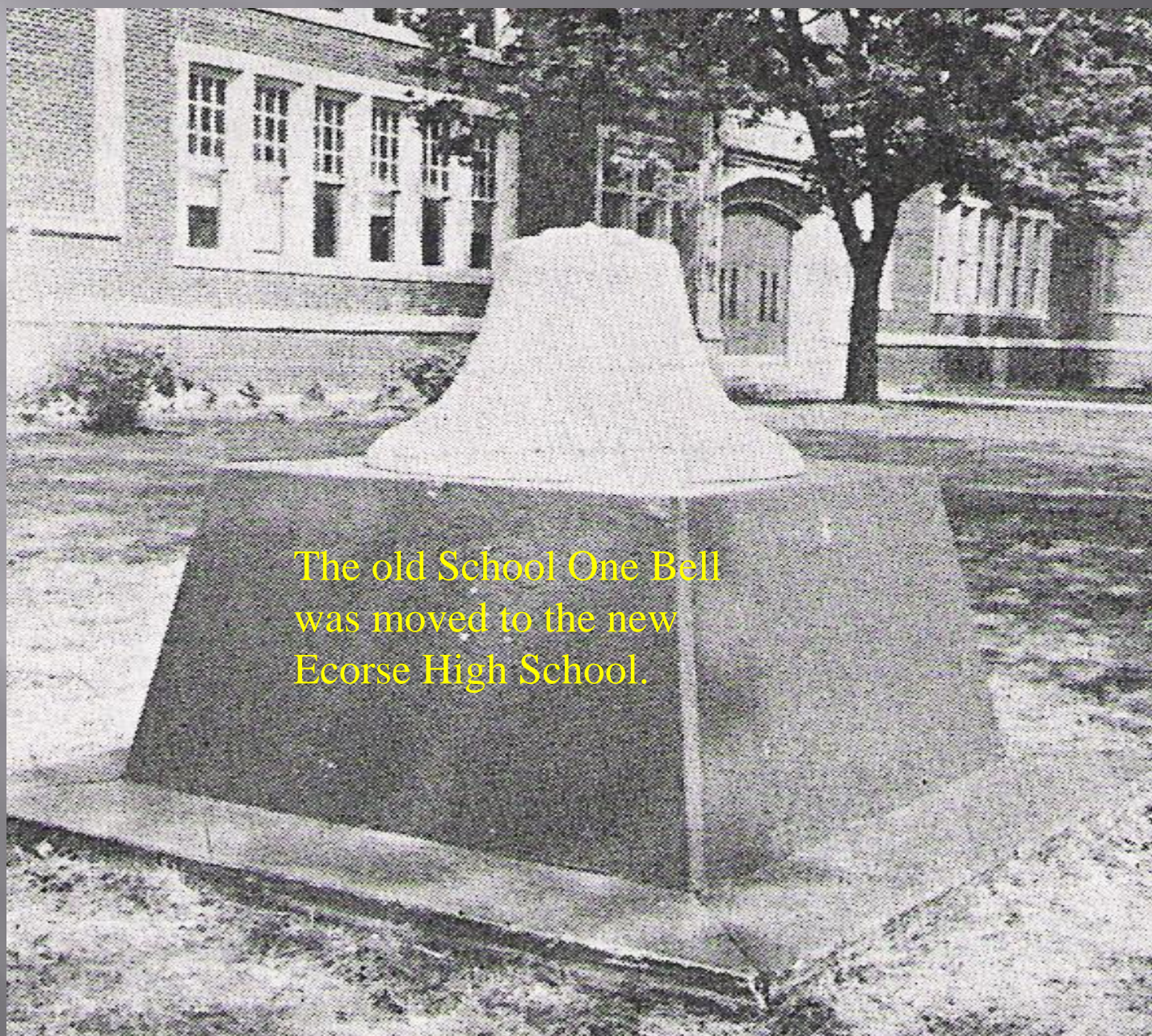




One of the favorite lunchtime stops for kids in our neighborhood was Frankie's Market or Pomograth's Market. It was located on High Street right around the corner from where we lived on Pitt Street and offered a fascinating array of penny candy. It took me almost my entire lunch hour to choose between Mary Janes, Tootsie Rolls, Dots, and Jaw Breakers.







The old School One Bell  
was moved to the new  
Ecorse High School.



# Ecorse Village Hall





ECORSE HIGH SCHOOL







I remember playing the E Flat Alto Horn and Baritone in the Ecorse High School Band.







# Ecorse Soldiers





- Elijah Goodell, Revolutionary War
- Sergeant John Goodell and Daniel Goodell, War of 1812
- Pasoh Odette, Civil War
- Antoine Salliotte, Civil War
- Roy B. Salliotte, World War I. The Roy B. Salliotte American Legion Post in Ecorse was named for him. He was killed at the Battle of Meuse-Argonne in France in 1918.
- Dr. Arthur E. Payette, World War I.
- Don Dodge, World War I.
- Ellis “Duke” Underill, World War I.

#### American Legion and VFW Posts

- Great Lakes Steel American Legion Post 272
- Roy B. Salliotte American Legion Post No. 319
- City of Ecorse Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5709



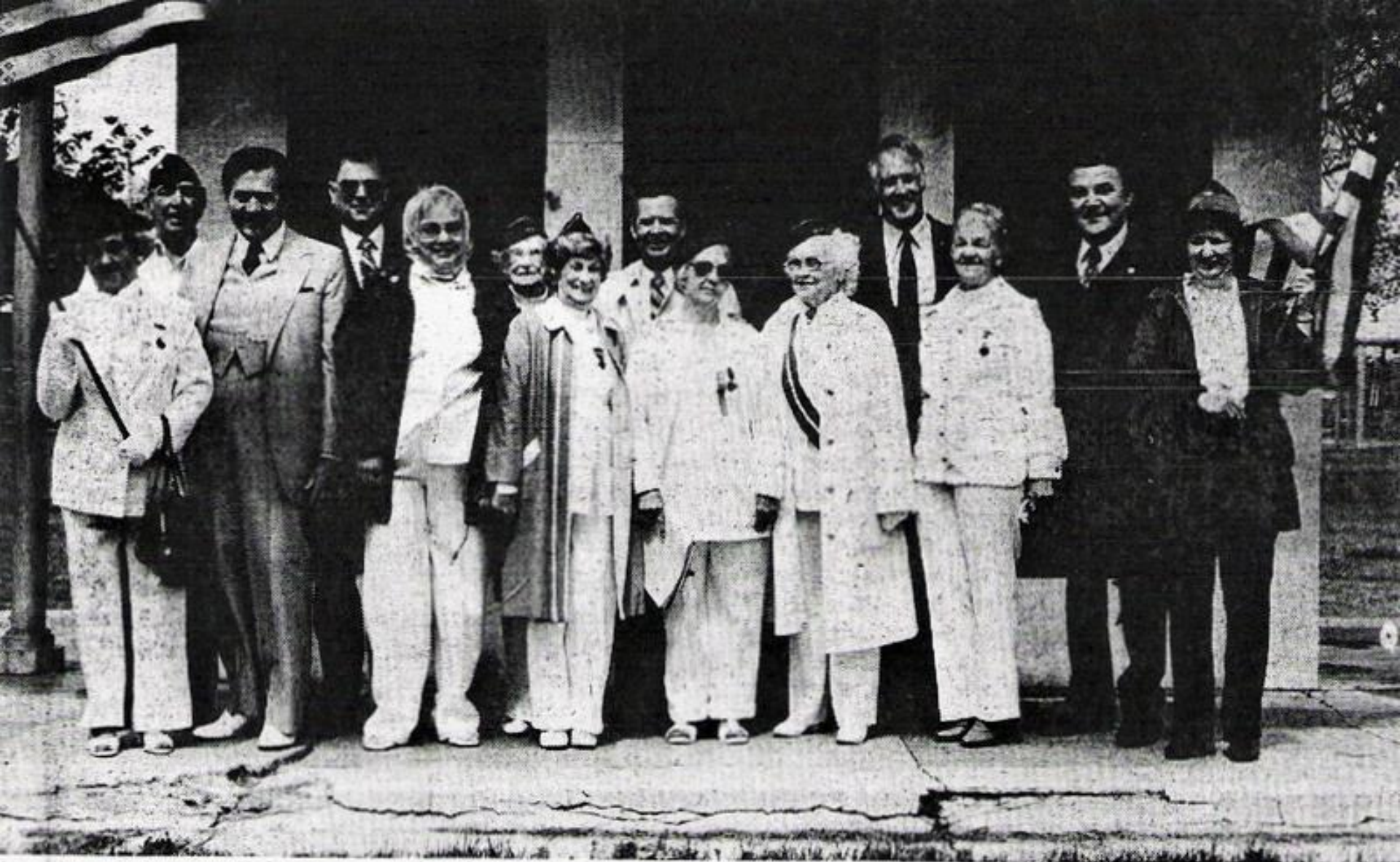


DOWNRIVER MEMBERS of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, were at Greenfield Village recently when a flag was presented to the recently-organized Greenfield Village Militia in Dearborn. Participating in the ceremony were (left to right) Mrs. Florence Miller, Wyandotte; Charles Cliff and Sergeant Major Max DuBois of the Militia. Mrs. Dorothy Ody, Ecorse; Isabel Rieger, Ecorse, Corps secretary; Mrs. Mildred Cliff, Ferndale; Mrs. Gladys Speir, Ecorse; and Mrs. Harriet Koons, Wyandotte.









**REPRESENTATIVES OF ECORSE veterans groups and auxillaries remembered the nation's war dead during special ceremonies last week at John D. Dingell Park, conducted by Peter Reves Woman's Relief Corps 270 Auxilliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mayor Harry White, Councilman J.O. Smith, State Representative Robert Demars and former state Senator George Hart were among those aprticipating.**



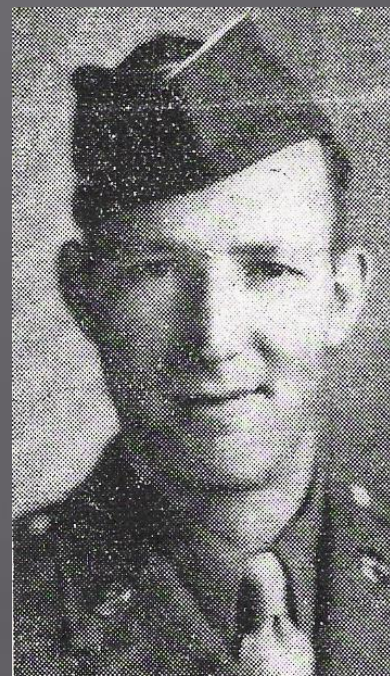






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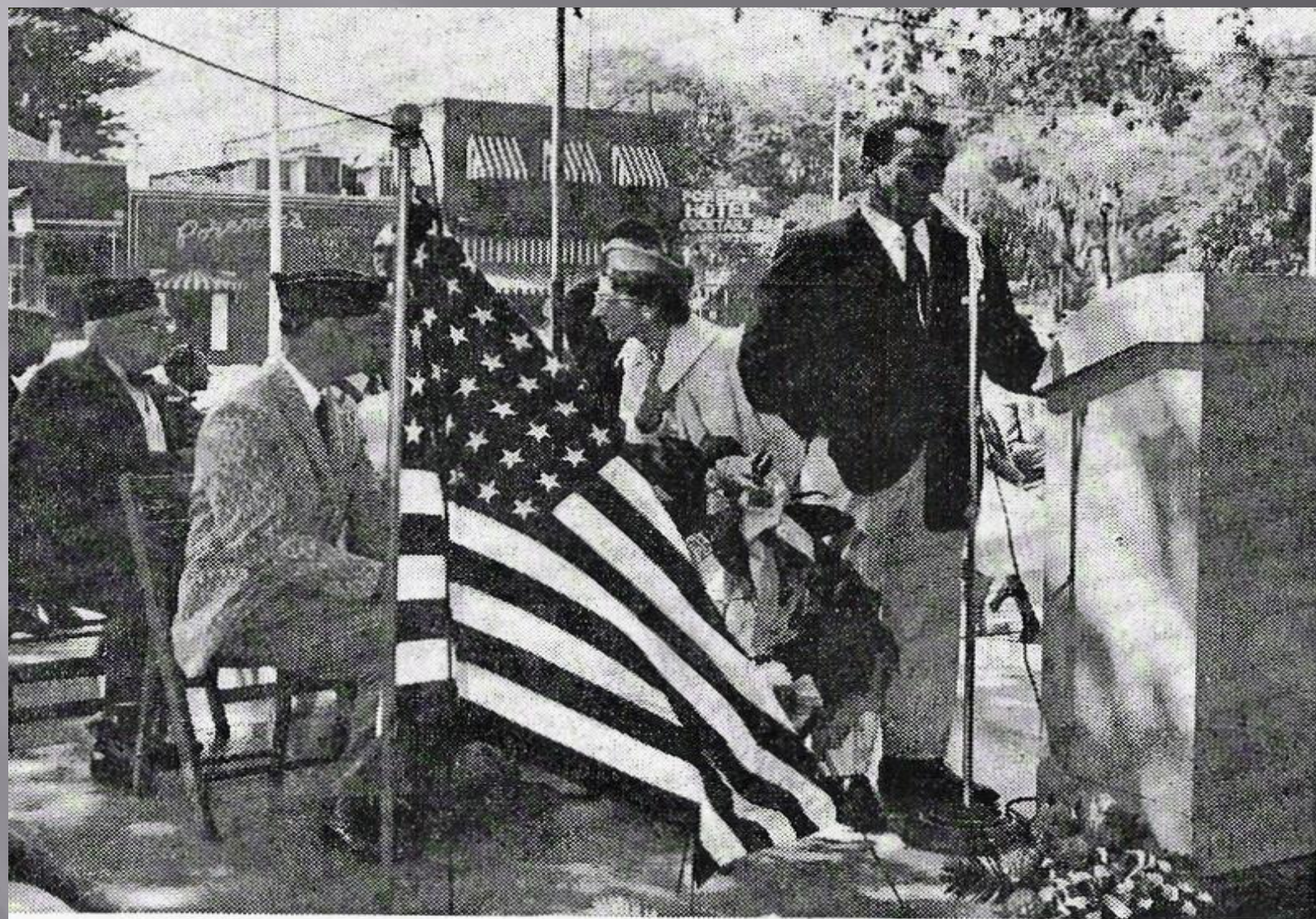


- Harold L. Covert, World War II
- Dorothy Williams, WAC, medical corps, Korea
- Liz Salas, WAVE, Mediterranean on the USS Telgair
- Haywood Moon, Army
- Lewis Roy Kirby, Vietnam. First Ecorse Vietnam casualty.
- Philip and Charles Tank. Both were killed in Vietnam: Philip on September 12, 1968, and Charles on April 19, 1969.









**A STIRRING MESSAGE**, in which he paid tribute to the war dead of Ecorse and the nation, added a solemn touch to Mayor Eli Ciungan's welcoming address during the city's Memorial Day program Sunday at the reviewing stand in River-

side Park. An Air Force lieutenant during World War II, the mayor served seven months, of four years he was in service, in the South Pacific. Some 2,000 Ecorse residents witnessed the six-division parade and attended the program.—Photo by Duguay













# Ecorse Politics



## Eleanor Roosevelt Holds the Key to the City of Ecorse

Mayor Eli Ciungan presented the key to the City of Ecorse to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in May 1959 at the West Side Community Center. The former first lady visited the Community Center and other local places before she lectured at Detroit's Masonic Temple.

The Church of the Resurrection in Ecorse, formerly housed in a store, sponsored the lecture as a fund raising program. Over 3,000 people, including members of the press and students from 65 Detroit area schools attended a press conference at the West Side Community Center. Mrs. Roosevelt also visited the church and the parish house.























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## City Mourns

# Mayor Coman, of Ecorse, Dies



AN HONOR GUARD of Ecorse police and firefighters saluted as pallbearers moved the casket of

Mayor Charles Coman to the hearse following services at Ecorse United Presbyterian Church.

Thomas Cochran Only Reported

## Hundreds Attend Mayor's Funeral

Charles G. Coman, mayor of the city of Ecorse, died Saturday at the Osteopathic Hospital of Detroit.

Mayor Coman, 59, who was re-elected to his second two year term Nov. 4, had been in the hospital since September where exhaustive tests were made to determine which pinched nerve was cutting off circulation to his leg.

Hundreds of residents, friends, and civic leaders joined relatives at Tuesday's funeral at Ecorse United Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. John Bariko officiated. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. He was in state at Ballheim Funeral Home, Ecorse, Sunday and Monday.



CHARLES COMAN

November 1973, following successful mid-air emergency landing





*For Council*

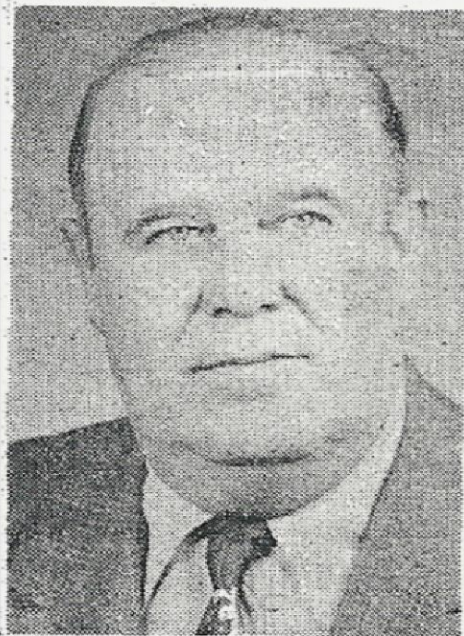
## **FRANCIS A. LABADIE**

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# A Few Ecorse Mayors

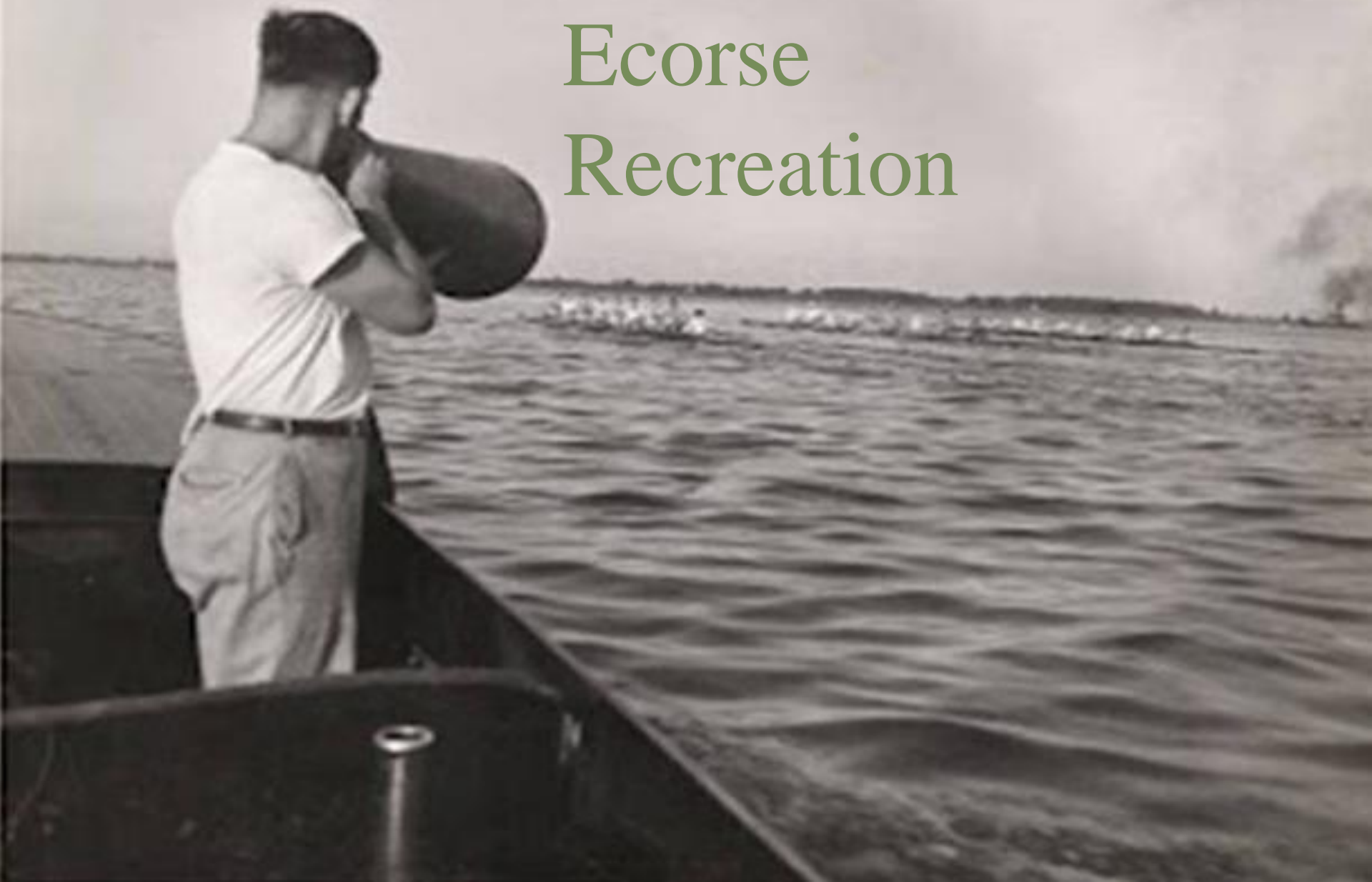
- William W. Voisine – 1945-1947;  
1953-1956
- Louis S. Parker – 1951-1952
- Eli Ciungan – 1957-1963
- Richard E. Manning – 1963-1965;  
1968-1971; 1977-1979
- Charles G. Coman – 1974-1975







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AND

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## "MARINE RAIDERS"

CARTOON





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OF  
TRENTON



A black and white photograph of a house with a sign that reads "BOB-LO". The house is a single-story building with a gabled roof, partially obscured by large trees. The sign is mounted on a dark, possibly wooden, structure in the foreground. The overall image has a grainy, high-contrast quality.

BOB-LO



In 1898 the Detroit, Belle Isle, and Windsor Ferry Company created the Bob-Lo Excursion Line and developed Bob-Lo Island as a resort. Excursionists welcomed Bob-Lo Island as an opportunity to ride up and down the Detroit River, picnic on the pastoral beauty of the Island, and enjoy the rides aboard the Bob-Lo boats Columbia and Ste. Claire and entertainment. Henry Ford commissioned Albert Kahan to design a dance hall which in 1903 was billed as the world's second largest. A carousel provided music and rides.

The boat ride to Bob-Lo contributed greatly to the island's mystique. The boarding dock in Detroit started out at the foot of Woodward Avenue, but moved to behind Cobo Hall. The Bob-Lo boat also stopped at Downriver communities like Ecorse, Wyandotte, and Trenton. The boarding dock moved to Gibraltar in 1991. It took just over an hour to make the voyage to Bob-Lo Island and Captain Bob-Lo and many bands and entertainers made the voyage seem as brief as a toot of the Bob-Lo boat's whistle.

In 1949, the Browning family of Grosse Ile bought Bob-Lo island and the Bob-Lo boats and turned it into an amusement park.



The Brownings built rides, roller coasters, and a fun house. They installed a Ferris Wheel, a dance hall, and an antique car exhibit. They brought in 300 exotic animals for a zoo, leading off with Socrates II, a giraffe. In 1973, they built the Thunderbolt roller coaster, one of the largest in the country. In 1975, the Brownings restored the original 48-horse carousel from 1878 which delighted children and adults alike until it was sold off piece by piece at auction in 1990.

The Brownings sold Bob-Lo Island in 1979, and it passed through the hands of several owners including the AAA of Michigan. Rowdiness on the boats and on the island in the 1980s caused the crowds to keep dwindling and when Canadian police and immigration officials spent a day in 1987 rounding up members of the Outlaws motorcycle gang, the end of a 90-year era drew nearer.

In January 1996, the steamers Columbia and Ste. Claire, which had carried as many as 800,000 visitors to Bob-Lo Island in the glory years of the 1960s and 1970s were sold at auction.





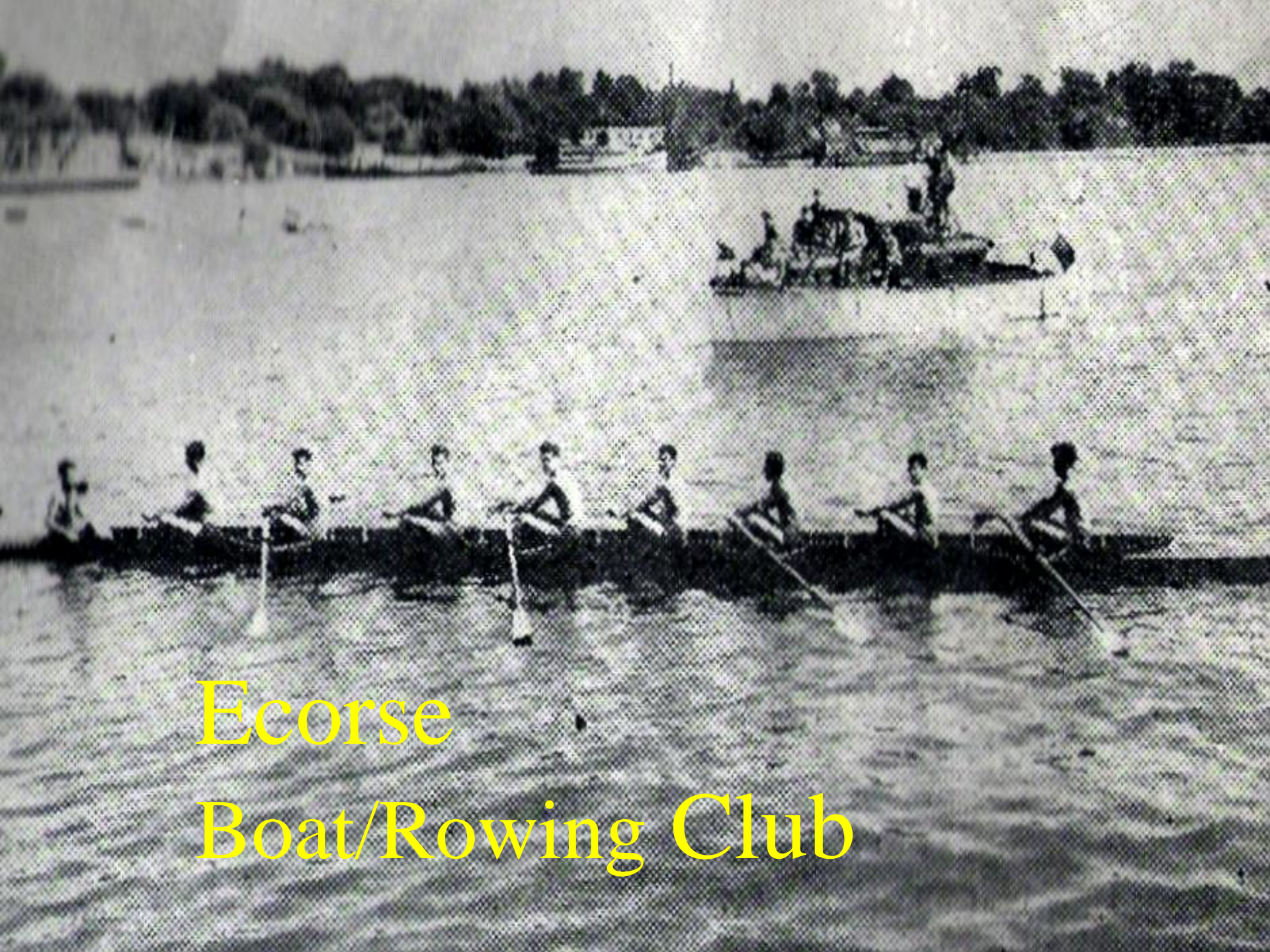












Ecorse  
Boat/Rowing Club



Less than a decade after the end of the Civil War, Ecorse became rowing conscious. Shells were unheard of in those early days, but huge crowds lined the Detroit River front to watch the competition of the first ten oar barge and later the eight and even six oar barge races that eventually turned the eyes of the world to Ecorse. Richard LeBlanc was one of the first rowers to visualize the possibilities of a rowing club in Ecorse and so was G.A. Raupp. He promoted the idea among his friends and in 1873 they organized a rowing club of less than 20 members. They called their new club the Wah-Wah-Tah-Shee Club.

Will, John, Lige, and Frank Montie worked at Salliotte and Raupp rafting logs on the Ecorse, Rouge, and Detroit Rivers during the day and perfected their rowing skills on the Detroit River at night. Eventually the Montie brothers competed in rowing races across the United States, winning 31 out of 33 of their races.

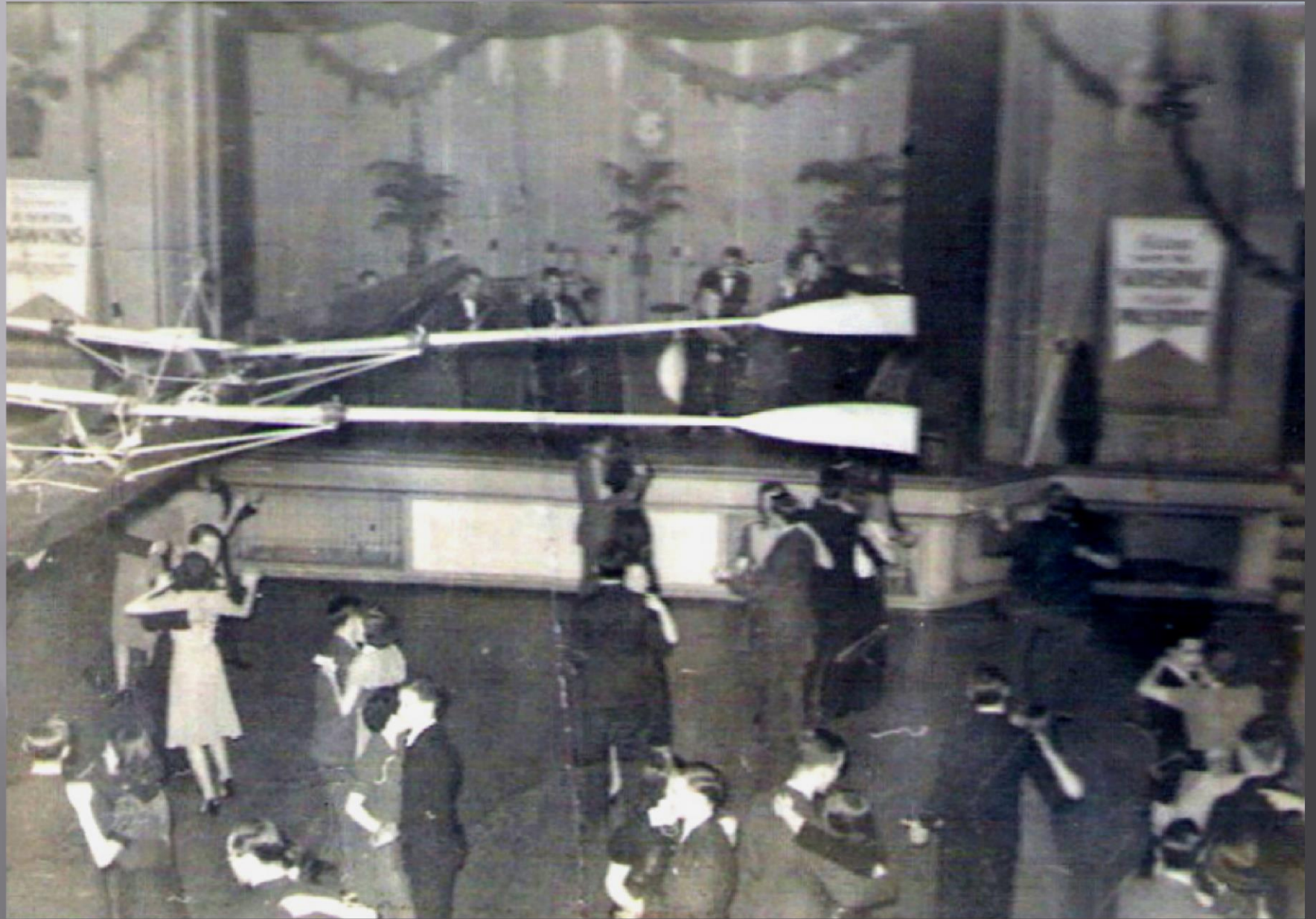


George Clark built the first shell for the Ecorse Boat Club and the Club used it for practically all of the races it entered.

The Ecorse Boat Club disbanded in 1906 and oarsmen from Ecorse raced under the Wyandotte Boat Club banner for a time. Then in late 1938, Charles Tank, a Montie grandson, and several of his fellow rowers reorganized the Ecorse Boat Club. In 1940, the first Ecorse High School crew appeared on the Detroit River and reigned as undefeated champions of the Metropolitan area at the end of their first season. In 1941, Larry Smith and Pat Messler helped Charles Tank polish the crews that he had guided to championship status by teaching them rowing fundamentals.

Charles Tank died in 1942, and his friend internationally renowned coach Jim Rice, took over as coach of the Ecorse Boat Club. The 1942, 1943, and 1944 crews won all of the events in the regattas they entered. The Ecorse Boat/Rowing Club continued its winning ways into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.







## Ecorse Girls Show How Its Done In A Four Oar Shell



The boys are not the only ones taking a keen interest in rowing at the Ecorse Boat Club. The above picture was taken early Sunday morning as the girls took their places in one of the four oar shells. It's good exercise and the girls say they love it. The second from the left has been elected rowing queen to preside over the regatta Saturday and Sunday. In the shell are: Mrs. Arthur Sims, coxswain; Marjorie Broughton, stroke; Elaine MacDonald, Bertha Schotter and Mildred Davis,



# **Ecorse Boat Club**

**FIRST ANNUAL**

## *Downriver Regatta*



ROBERT "BOB" BROWN  
*Chairman of Regatta*



ALGER "DOC" SALLIOTTE  
*President, Ecorse Boat Club*

ART SIMS, *Secretary*

ORIMAL GOODHILL, *Treasurer*

PROGRAM - 11c





Tom Flinn  
Jack Kerman, 13, getting rowing advice from Alex R. Seasholtz, 74, of Birmingham, who has won many medals for his skill and in 1929 was senior singles champion.







## Officers and Directors of Ecorse Boat Club



Ecorse Boat Club officers and board of directors who will lead the club's activities during the 1947 season. Shown above, seated left to right are William Jones, Edward Kromrei, Arthur Sims, Mike Tank and Albert Warner. Standing left to right, Louis Tank, William Nagy, Bernard Seneski, James Cameron, Herman Mihatsch, Robert Campbell, Joseph Hughes and Ken Bolt-house. Louis Wokas and Nick Pappas, also on the board of directors, were not present when the photograph was taken.











# OARSMEN'S NEWS

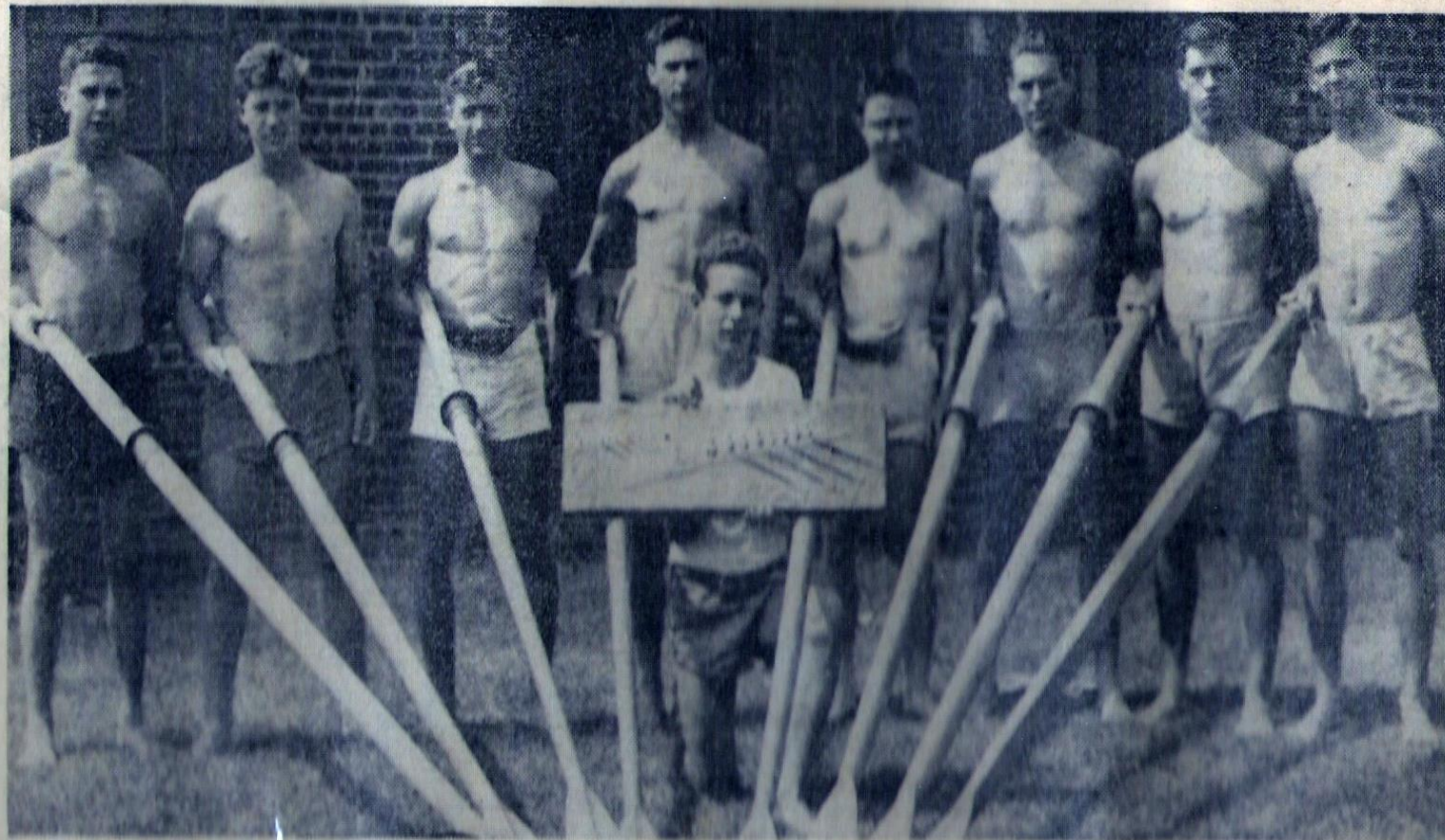
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1943—ECORSE BOAT CLUB**

## ECORSE, MICHIGA

# HOLD 4th OARSMEN'S BALL SATURDAY NIGHT

## Ecorse 1942 Championship Crew



# GALA EVENT TO ATTRACT BIG CROWD

Bill Bennett and  
His Famous Band  
To Furnish Music

The "Oarsmen's Ball," Ecorse's most outstanding social event, will be held Saturday evening, March 6, at the St. Francis Auditorium. Sponsored by the Ecorse Boat Club, this annual event which is held midway between rowing seasons brings memories of past victories and anticipation of a new season to add zest to the colorful celebration.

The "Oarsmen's Ball" is no ordinary dance. It sparkles with gaiety that is seen at no other social event in Eeorse. Members of the Boat Club spare no effort or expense in making the ball outstanding and each year memories of this party are among the most

Here is the championship eight—Central States regatta in Ecorse, was classed as a school boy crew

In the crew are Bob Vollmar, H. Gurnea, H. Blais, M. Miller, J.





Maritime Ecorse





## PORT COMMITTEE

Appointed by Mayor Voisine on May 18, 1954, the Port Committee works in conjunction with the Port Commissions of Detroit and other communities to promote dock, warehouse and shipping facilities of Ecorse. Committee members are Duke Underill, James F. Gillespie and Thomas J. Weber (absent).









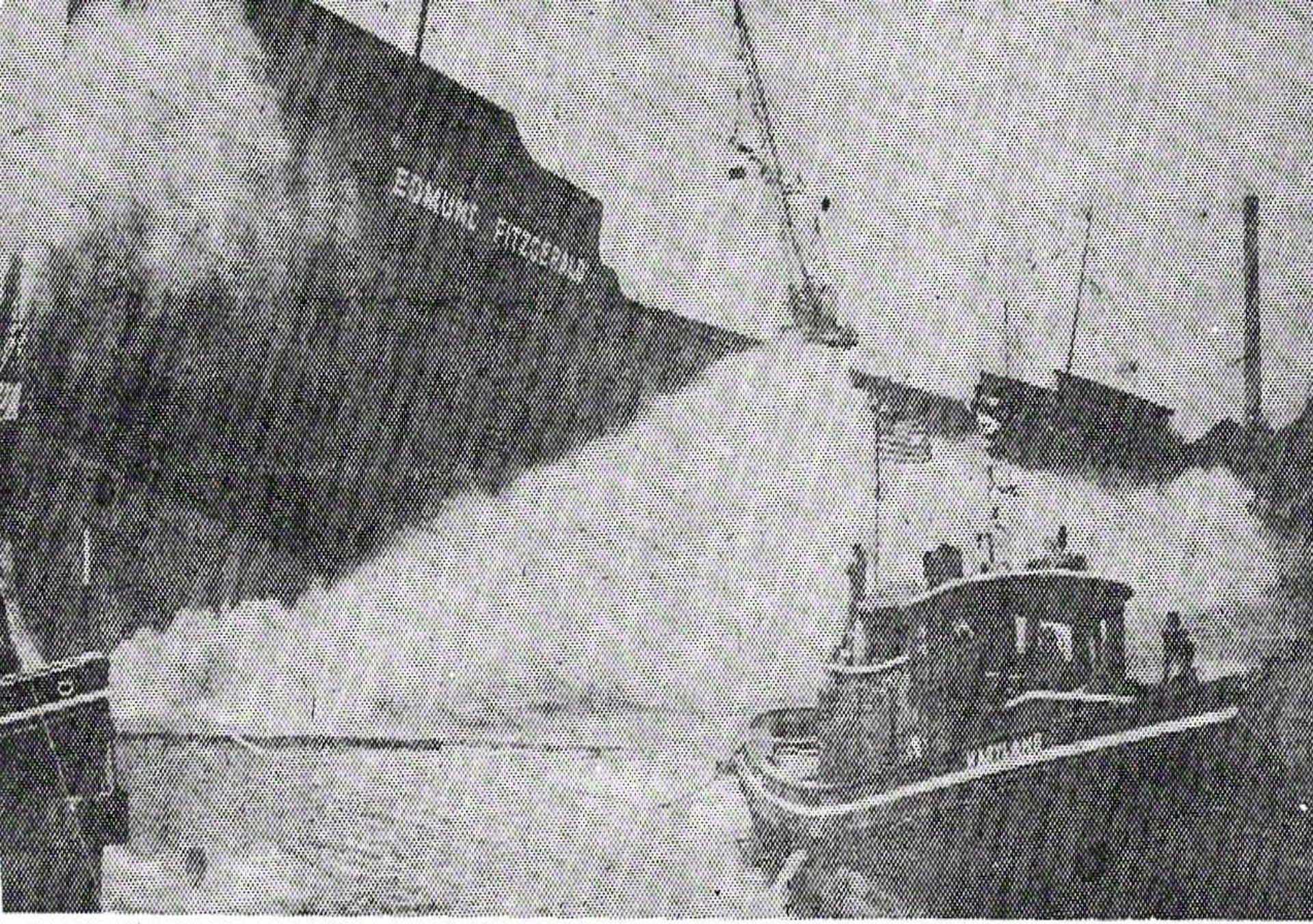


In the 59 years between 1902 and 1961 the Great Lakes Engineering Works shipyard built most of the large freighters in the Great Lakes fleet. Altogether it turned out 303 – some sources estimate 388- vessels and at times employed as many as 2,000 local workers when a multi-million dollar vessel needed to be built.

The Great Lakes Engineering Works constructed ships for the United States government in World War I and World War II and also built the cruise ships North American and South American , the state ferry Vacationland, and eleven sections of the New York Central tunnel under the Detroit River.

The Edmund Fitzgerald is probably the most famous ore carrier that the Great Lakes Engineering Works built, but the names of many of the other vessels built there including Cason J. Calloway, Ann Arbor Car Ferry No. 6, and Arthur B. Homer earned niches in Great Lakes maritime history.





THE EDMUND FITZGERALD ON LAUNCH DAY







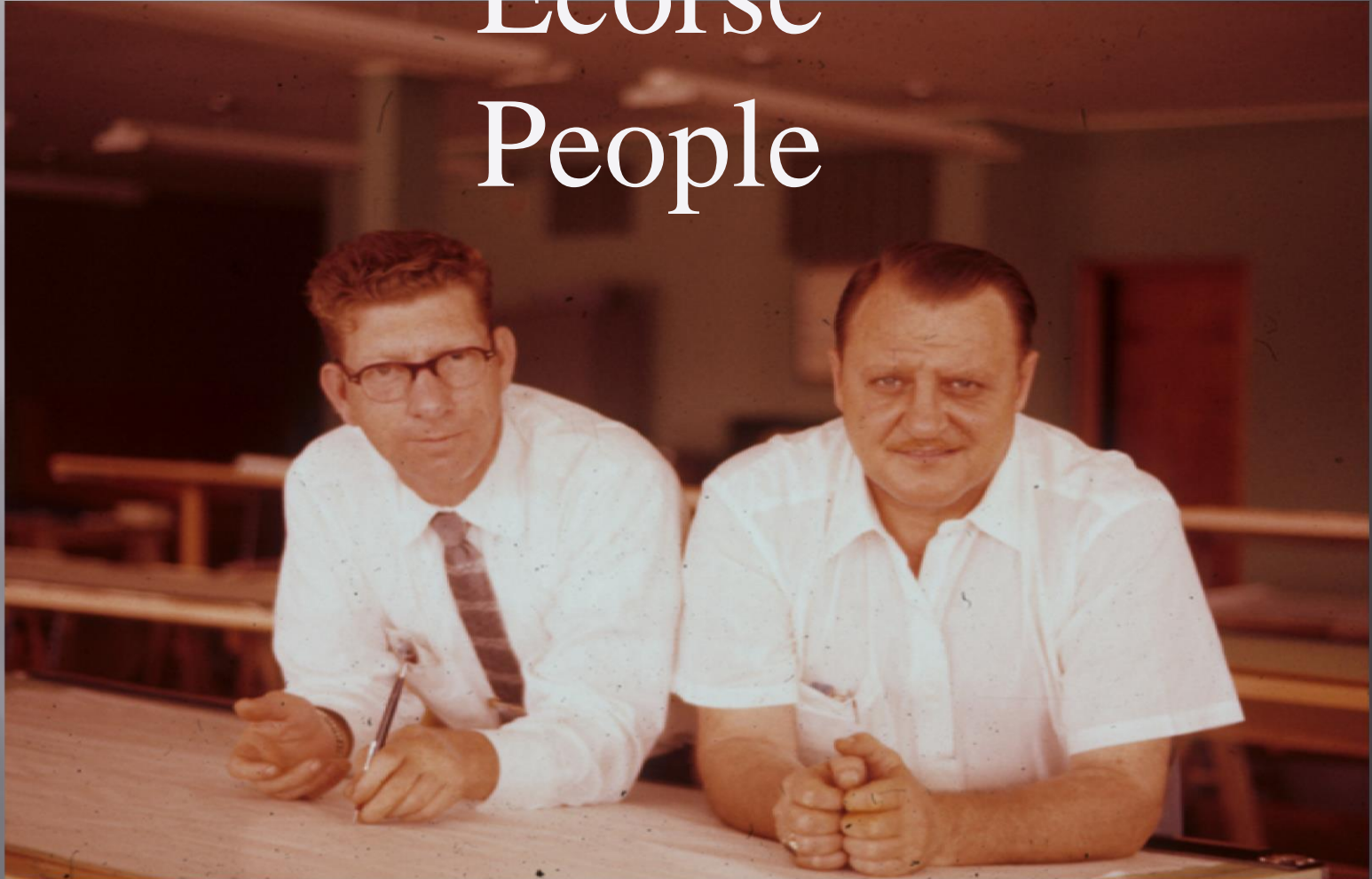








# Ecorse People





















An aerial photograph of the Detroit River, showing the river flowing between the United States and Canada. The river is a light blue-grey color, contrasting with the darker green and brown land on either side. The text "Time and the Detroit River" is overlaid in a yellow, serif font in the upper-middle part of the image.

# Time and the Detroit River





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ALLOWED





















The old railroad tracks that I crossed every day are still there, but School one is gone, as well as School Two, School Three, and the old Ecorse High School. The businesses pictured in Ecorse Along the Detroit River are gone and so are most of the people memorialized in the book.



The river – our Detroit River – still remains and as the Detroit River continues to flow and revitalize, I hope that Ecorse and the rest of the Downriver communities will do the same.







# Downriver Back in the Days!





Downriver communities are called Downriver because the Detroit River changes its course after running basically west along the cities of Detroit, Michigan and Windsor Ontario before it bends to flow mostly south before it empties into Lake Erie. Communities south of Detroit can be reached by traveling downriver instead of upriver along the Detroit River. The Downriver communities and townships include Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Charter Township, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Woodhaven, and Wyandotte.







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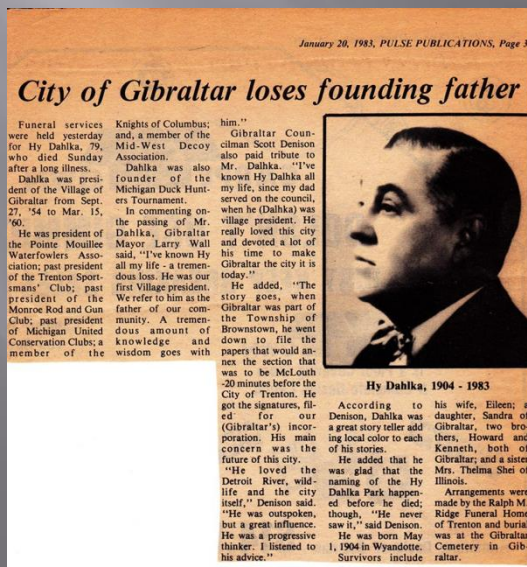
Allen Park Historical Society



Flat Rock Historical Society



Gibraltar





# Grosse Ile



Isabella Swan

## Lincoln Park



### Old Picture Is Park 'Who's Who'

Some of Lincoln Park's most prominent early citizens are shown in the above photograph, taken in 1906 and recently lent to the Lincoln Park Historical Society by Mrs. Ethel Barko, the group's charter president.

The picture was taken at a reception following the wedding of Charles Theeck and Anna Goodell, then both residents of Lincoln Park and now living in River Rouge, who this year marked their fifty-sixth anniversary.

It was taken outside the home of the bride's father, Cleophus T. Goodell, on Fort Park boulevard (then Fort street), not far from the present intersection of Cleophus street, which bears his name. The house, enlarged and remodeled, still stands not far from its original site.

Cleophus T. Goodell (1830-1915), who moved to what is now Lincoln Park from Ecorse about 1852, was an early mem-

ber of an Ecorse Township school board which was the forerunner of the present Lincoln Park board of education. He is shown in the picture seated in the front row (elderly man, with a beard).

One of his sons was Mark Goodell, first Lincoln Park village president in 1921 and also a school-board member (standing, second from left in back row). He is now reportedly living in Florida.

The children seated in front are, from left:

Hubert Quandt, deceased; Loretta Demean, now Mrs. Loretta Warner; C. James Goodell, a grandson of Cleophus, and still a Lincoln Park resident; Elvira Raupp, now Mrs. Elvira Wilkie, of Wayne; Genevieve LeBlanc, who is still living; Frances Quandt, now Mrs. Norman James, a former Lincoln Park policeman whose husband was once a city judge,

and Glenn Raupp, who now lives in Melvindale.

In the second row, seated from left, are Abraham Vigneau, deceased, a pioneer resident; Annie Raupp, deceased; Joachim Theeck, deceased, father of the bridegroom; Thomas Goodell, another of Cleophus' sons, now deceased; the bridegroom and his bride (she standing); Cleophus T. Goodell; Herbert Quandt, now a Lincoln Park tavern owner; Noah LeBlanc, deceased, another pioneer resident, and Emma LeBlanc, deceased.

In the third row, from left, are Vigneau's wife, Mathilda, deceased; Mrs. Joachim Theeck, deceased, the bridegroom's mother; Tillie Bondie, now Mrs. Charles Demean, living in River Rouge; Elmer Schwartz, deceased; Edna Quandt, now Mrs. Delbert Wilbur, of Lincoln Park; Helen Wolf, now Mrs. Joachim Theeck, junior, still living; Mrs. Ira Goodell, de-

ceased, holding her daughter, Viola, now Mrs. Viola Rushlow, of Trenton; the bride's mother, Mrs. Cleophus T. Goodell (the former Philomene Riopelle, for whom Philomene street was named), and Mrs. Noah LeBlanc, deceased.

In the fourth row are Lottie Schwartz, deceased; Mark Goodell, Lincoln Park charter village president; Lizzie Wolf, deceased; Louis Keppen, deceased, first village treasurer and later a councilman; Charles (Barney) Demean, deceased; Joachim Theeck, junior, the bridegroom's brother, now living in Monroe; Frank Riopelle, and Mrs. Riopelle, both deceased; Lena Lang, now Mrs. George Schonfeld, of Allen Park; Ira Goodell, deceased; Henry Lang, now living on a farm near Carleton; Theresa LeBlanc, now Mrs. Theresa Mouchet, who is still living, and Fanny Quandt, deceased.





# Melvindale

Outer Drive-Melvindale



New Boston, Waltz, Belden,  
Willow, Belleville



# River Rouge



Riverview





# Rockwood and South Rockwood



Rockwood Area Historical  
Museum

# Romulus



Romulus Wesleyan Church







# Woodhaven





## Division of the Downriver Communities

The Michigan Territorial Legislature reorganized Wayne County and established Ecorse Township, along with Brownstown, Huron, Monguagon, Plymouth, and Redford on April 12, 1827. In 1837, Michigan Territory became a state and Ecorse Township continued to grow along with Michigan. It took at least another century for Ecorse Township to be incorporated, and carved into the cities of Melvindale, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, Ecorse, Southgate, Wyandotte, and the Boynton and Oakwood Heights Detroit neighborhoods.



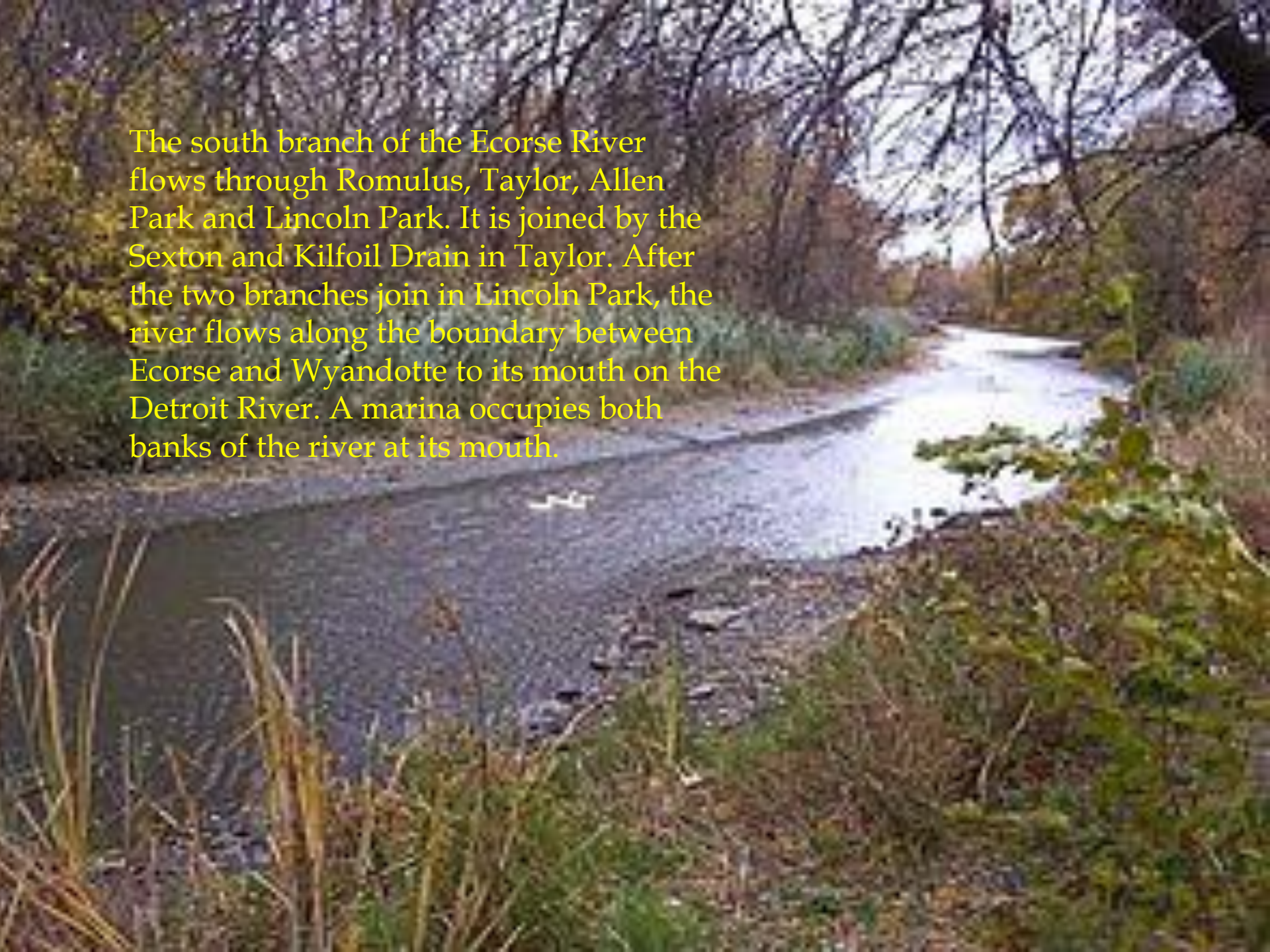


# Ecorse, Rouge, Huron and Detroit Rivers Create Downriver

The north branch of the Ecorse River flows through Romulus, Dearborn Heights, Allen Park, along a small portion of the southern border of Melvindale, Lincoln Park and then along the border of Lincoln Park and Ecorse



The south branch of the Ecorse River flows through Romulus, Taylor, Allen Park and Lincoln Park. It is joined by the Sexton and Kilfoil Drain in Taylor. After the two branches join in Lincoln Park, the river flows along the boundary between Ecorse and Wyandotte to its mouth on the Detroit River. A marina occupies both banks of the river at its mouth.





A scenic view of the Huron River in Flat Rock, Michigan. The river flows from the background towards the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding trees. A covered bridge with a dark roof and wooden railings spans the river in the middle ground. The banks are lined with trees, some of which have yellow and orange autumn foliage. A large, dark tree is in the foreground on the left, partially obscuring the view. The sky is clear and blue.

## Huroc Park, Flat Rock, Michigan

The Huron River is a 130-mile-long river in southeastern Michigan, rising out of the Huron Swamp in Indian Springs Metropark in northern Oakland County and flowing into Lake Erie on the boundary between Wayne County and Monroe County. In addition to thirteen parks, game areas, and recreation areas, the river passes through the cities of Dexter, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Flat Rock and Rockwood.





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Huron Charter  
Township

Woodhaven

Trenton

Brownstown  
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Township

Grosse Ile  
Township

Flat Rock

Detroit River

Gibraltar

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The Detroit River has shaped Gibraltar, a Downriver city on its banks, since 1750 when it served as the head village of the Wyandot Native Americans. Featuring many canals, Gibraltar is known as “the Venice of Michigan.”





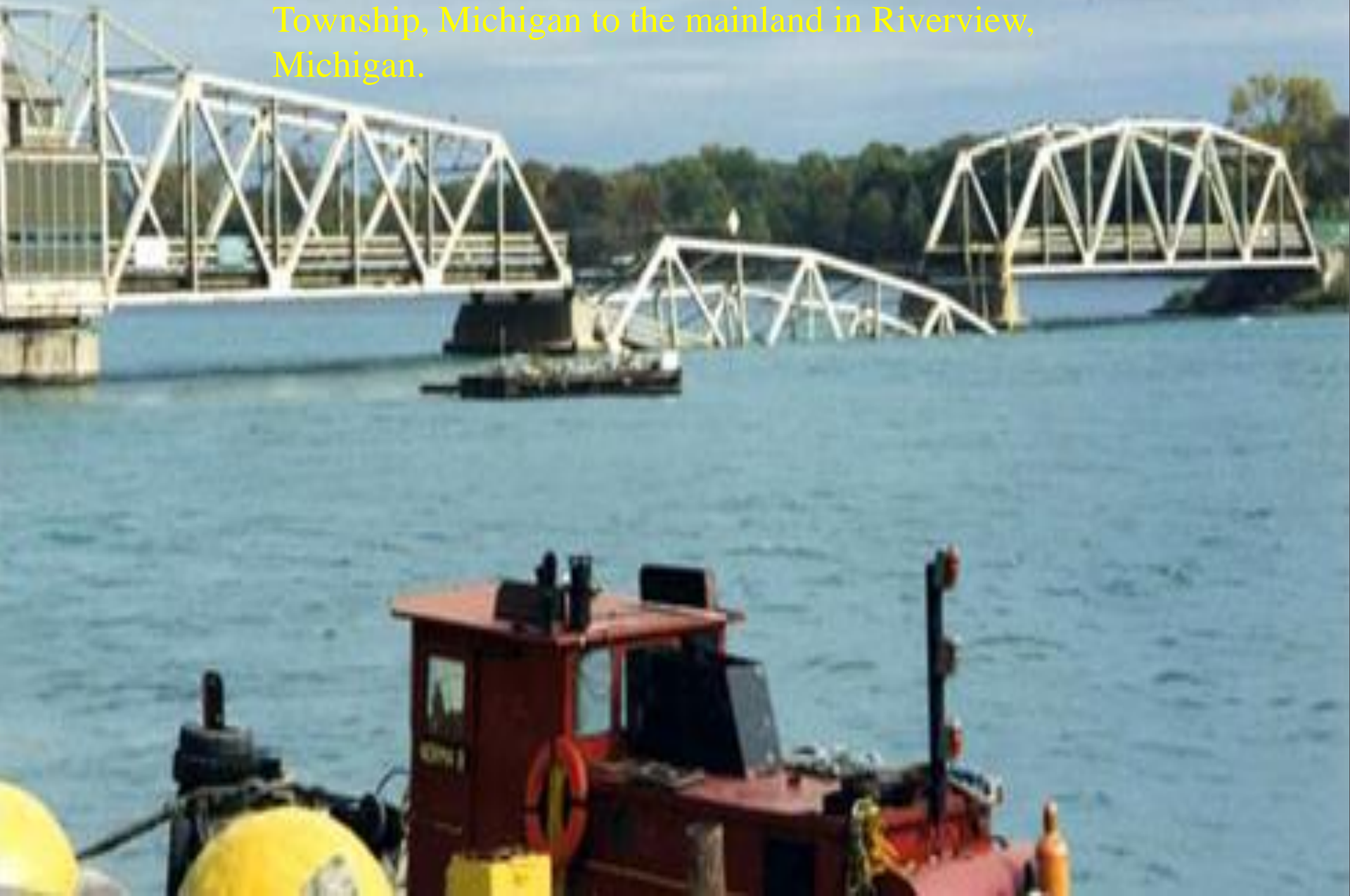
# Grosse Ile



Grosse Ile Township is situated on several islands in the Detroit River, but the largest island is also referred to as simply Grosse Ile.



The Grosse Ile Toll Bridge is a swing bridge that crosses the Trenton Channel of the Detroit River connecting Grosse Ile Township, Michigan to the mainland in Riverview, Michigan.

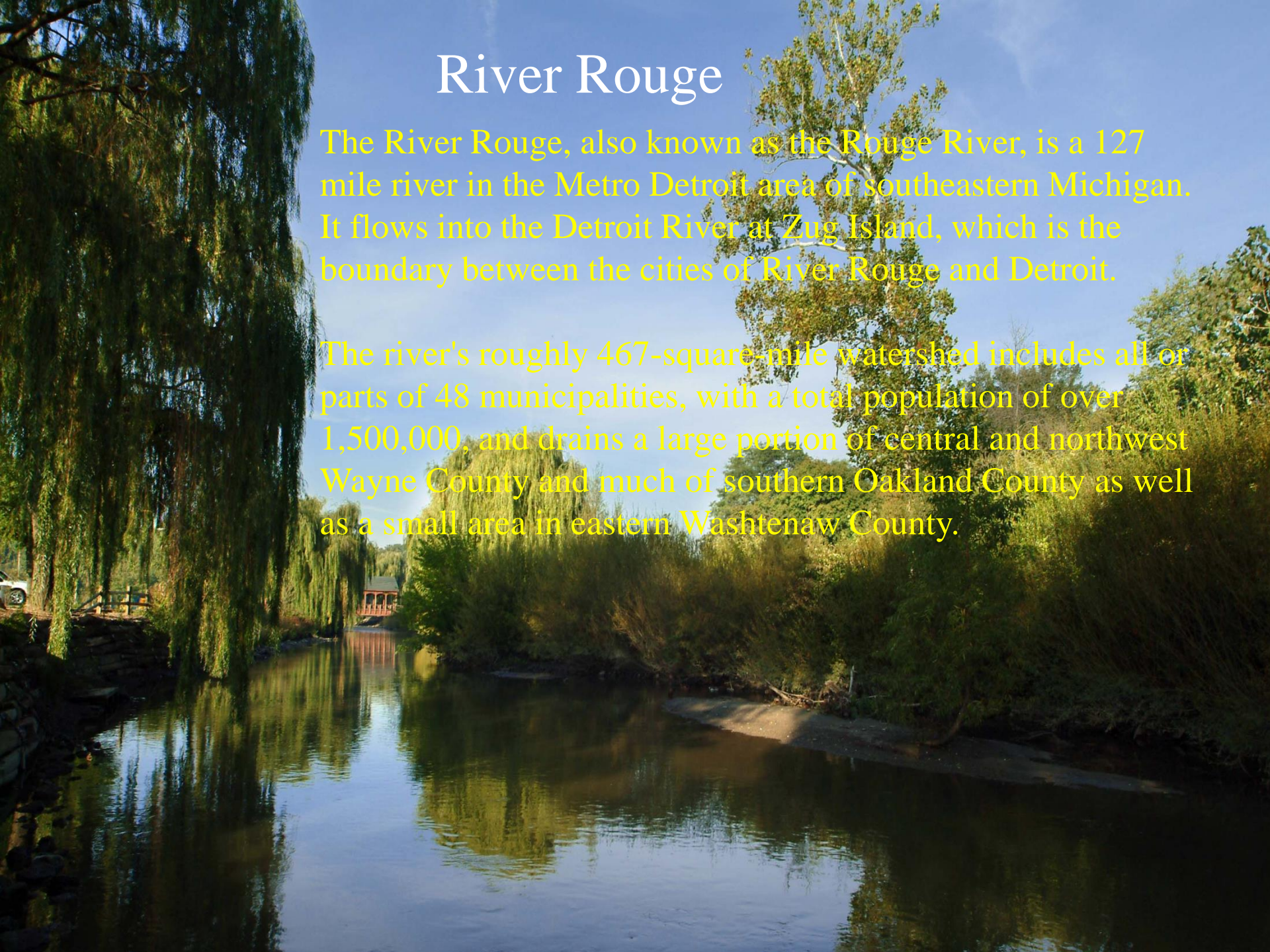




# River Rouge

The River Rouge, also known as the Rouge River, is a 127 mile river in the Metro Detroit area of southeastern Michigan. It flows into the Detroit River at Zug Island, which is the boundary between the cities of River Rouge and Detroit.

The river's roughly 467-square-mile watershed includes all or parts of 48 municipalities, with a total population of over 1,500,000, and drains a large portion of central and northwest Wayne County and much of southern Oakland County as well as a small area in eastern Washtenaw County.







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View of Grosse Ile Free Bridge from  
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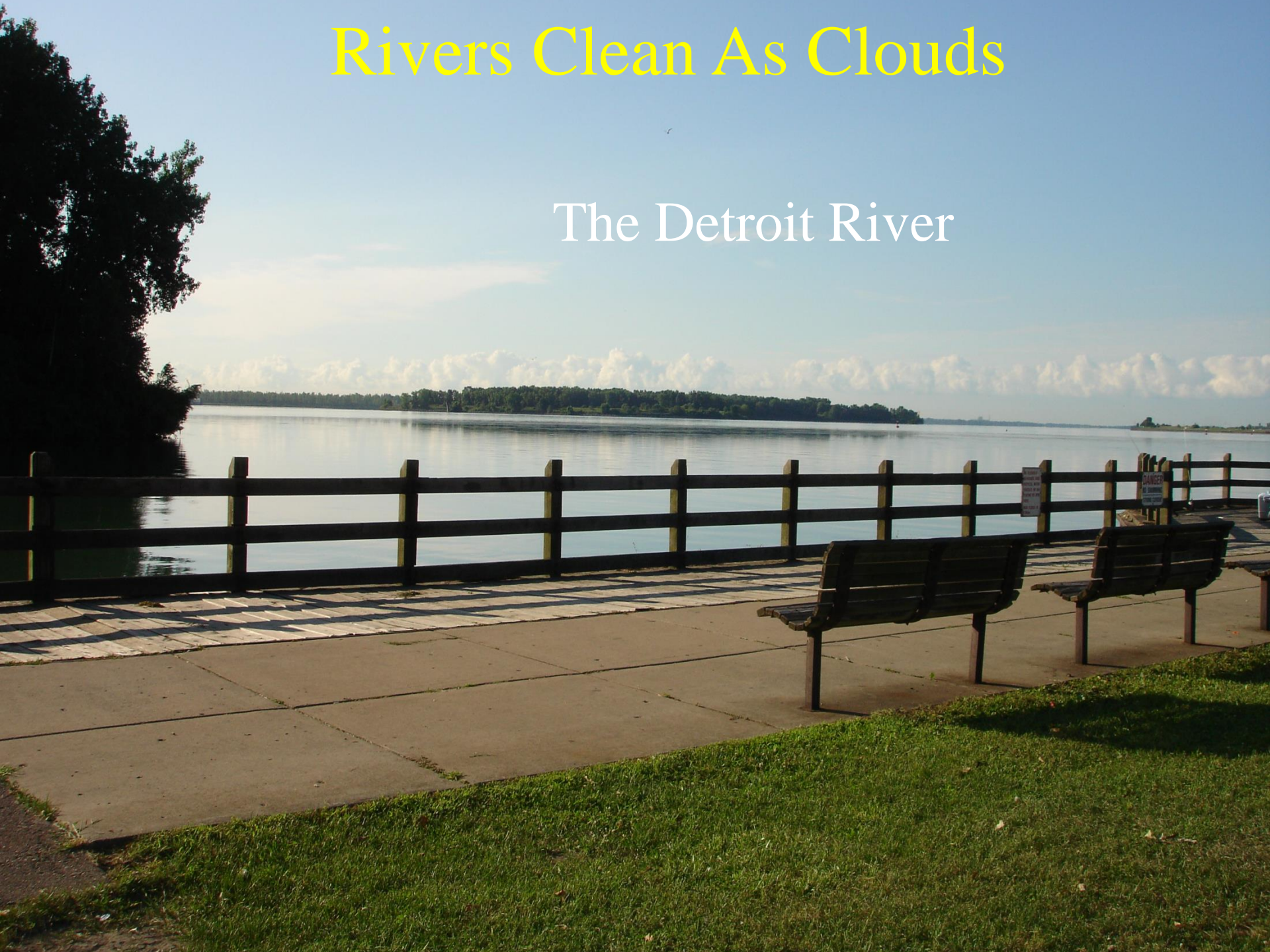






# Rivers Clean As Clouds

## The Detroit River











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Photo by John Duguay







The Detroit River joins Lake Erie







# The Rouge River

An aerial view looking northwest up a canal of the Rouge River from the Detroit River. Detroit's wastewater treatment plant is at the top of the photo and the proposed site of the Synagro sludge treatment plant is directly south of it.



# Covered bridge over the Huron River in Huroc Park, Flat Rock, Michigan





# Downriver River Restoration Organizations

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

Huron River Watershed Council

River Rouge Restoration





# Links to Ecorse and Downriver History

[Ecorse Along the Detroit River – Arcadia](#)

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