

It is only natural for people to want things, and to work to get them. But when the desire to get into covetousness, which has for its basis that evil thing known as greed, well, that is the time when the good starts before the bad. That's when some folks begin to acquire things they do not much love.

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# HEALTH and THAT

By G. R. A.

## Sure, I'm Proud of The Fact That I Like to Wash Dishes!

Ridder magazine reputation to the call of "sisy," (which name I most certainly challenge as a gross mis-statement), I for some time have wanted to give a few words on behalf of the ancient and clearly art of ordinary dish-washing.

Yes, Ladies, and Gentlemen (and if you are such, you will not revile me), I do not like to wash dishes. I rather like to wash dishes.

This, of course, does not mean that I shall answer to the hundreds of telephone calls I get when this edition of The Eccentric circles, from making housewives who want to hire my expert services. For the sake of the record, I must insist that my kind of wash dishes, plus pots and pans, plus the sink and the stove, etc., is confined to my own home, or should I happen to be in a hunting or fishing camp, to whatever similar dishes may arise.

Let me repeat: I like to wash dishes. I do not like to do, make, clean, piece, or doilies, etc. induced by my wife to help with the family wash, but that has never been necessary. Since the day, I have taken the washed clothes from the line—without dragging them around in the dirt.

Indeed, I am proud of my liking to wash dishes. Just why? Now, just why do I like to wash dishes? It is a question I have pondered.

Here is my answer, at least in part. It is a question I have pondered. It is sufficient reason, then I must continue: dishes, since they hold food, and if they are not clean, they perform a fundamental mission in life. It is to keep the dirt out of the house. It is to keep the dirt out of the house.

Any job, not of my endeavors, are mental, dealing in abstractions. I do not like to wash dishes. I like to wash dishes. I like to wash dishes.

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I am Restricted. Another feature of this dish-washing business is that it is not out, on many an occasion. (Only one restriction has been placed upon me: regard to the nature of the venture, i. e., I must never, never, tackle the job unless she is in the house at the time. If she is not, she puts it: "I really appreciate your offer to wash the dishes. Go ahead, when I'm always here, then you can see that I'm busy with something else—just haven't got time to do the job. But, if I can away from the house for any one of many purposes, then my housewife dignity is disturbed because of such absence—unconsciously you might think I was neglectful of my personal responsibility, and that would offend me.

Well, I've agreed that she is right about this—anyway. I've agreed. (Which, I am informed by the "Better part of Valor.") Then, when the dishes are all washed, I am in a position to secure the sink, the drainboards, the enameled stove!

Now I am glad I like to wash dishes and fuss around the kitchen on this job. I don't do it every day, maybe once in ten days, depending on current circumstances, of course. But I'm always a happy volunteer; and that, I know, is to my everlasting credit.

## Keen Interest In Developing In Retirement

**Various Officials Asked to Speak to Civic Organizations**

Interest, it seems, is growing more keenly every day in the fact that Birmingham provide a retirement pay plan for its city employees, a number of members of the City Commission and other men interested, have been invited to speak before the various service clubs. In addition, it is indicated, a number of speakers may appear to be more sure about the groups and societies to explain the proposal.

The plan has been under study by the City Commission and many businessmen and by groups of city employees for a number of months. It is proposed to be submitted to the people at the April 3 election, it is considered by all those who have studied it to be the very best possible for the city of Birmingham.

It was drafted especially for this city after careful study of the entire employment situation in Birmingham. It could be adopted by numerous retirement plans adopted by nearby cities were incorporated into the one for Birmingham. It was explained by the City Commission members.

The retirement system, as written, would provide retirement pay for every regular employee, based on the number of years of service rendered. It would go into operation on July 1, 1944, and the cost would be borne by both the employee and the city.

Employees would pay a five per cent of their wages or, based on present payroll figures, a total of \$9,938.05 per year. The city would contribute about 60 per cent of the payroll total, or \$16,851.90 per year.

The city's share of the cost would decrease from year to year until it was down to about equal the sum paid in by the employees.

Payments, figured on years of service and yearly pay totals, would be figured for each individual employee.

The plan sets up retirement ages for all general city employees, except the fire and police departments. In the former group it may start when a man reaches 50 years of age and would be mandatory at 60 years of age. For the fire and police departments it is set at 55 years of age.

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On Monday noon in the same session, H. H. Corson, city manager, will preside at a meeting of the Rotary Club luncheon. He will discuss the retirement plan and will answer questions that are being asked by the members and guests.

## Plane Crash Fatal Good Progress Made In Drive For Red Cross

**Early Contributions Considered Very Liberal By Workers**

Reports reaching captains and committee heads Birmingham's annual Red Cross war fund drive last evening gave every indication that the first week's receipts were much more liberal than during the entire month of the campaign.

I. W. Robertson, co-captain of Birmingham said many workers had reported fine contributions, many much larger than in previous years. Others reported that in the first week they had received as much or more money than during the entire month of the campaign.

F. Raymond Woolfenden, treasurer of the Birmingham campaign, said the total amount of the drive was \$20,000, the highest in history. "Indications are," said Mr. Robertson, "that we will go over the top on a \$10,000 quota in the first week of the National Red Cross campaign."

**Boys Worried Red Cross**

Many Birmingham folk are able to tell of many fine things the Red Cross is doing for their own boys over in the war areas and at the actual battle fronts; of the worth of the services which the Red Cross program as it works out during the war; and others have, from actual experience, learned of the fine work done by the organization right at home.

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**Engineers of County Plan Dinner Mar. 14**

Members of the Oakland County Engineering Society anticipate an attendance of from 75 to 100 at their annual dinner meeting at the Birmingham Community House on Tuesday evening, March 14. These dinners attract members from all over the county and numerous guests from adjoining cities and counties.

The date of this annual event was ceremoniously announced at Monday March 13, by this paper last week.

**LITTLE BUILDING HERE**

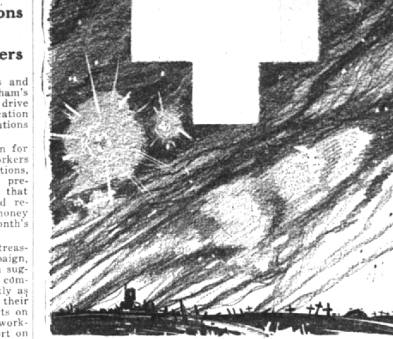
Another indication of the slow but steady building program in Birmingham by the war effort is seen in the February drop in building permits. Only construction in the city for the month has been in repairs and alterations, with only four such permits issued, according to Scott Hershey, building inspector. Permits call for a total of \$1,250 of improvements.

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## The Light That Never Fails



## Bloomfield Red Cross Goes Over Top In First Week

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## Make Annual Plea For Recreational Fund Subscriptions

The annual appeal for funds to sustain the recreational fund of the Birmingham Recreational Board is now being made. Letters to various civic organizations of the city are now in the mail, according to Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn, of the Board.

## Improvements At City Schools Are Being Planned

The Birmingham Board of Education recently visited the three elementary school buildings, and has approved a program of improvements. The program includes the remodeling of the buildings from top to bottom, and construction of a new school building.

## Heavy Fire Loss At Sidney Nelson Home On Thursday Evening

One of the most serious home fires in Bloomfield township during the late winter was that of last Thursday evening when the residence of Mrs. Marylene K. Nelson on Manor road was gutted. Damage to the building is estimated somewhere around \$6,000, with insurance. Most of the furnishings, on which it is said there was no insurance, were saved.

The fire, believed caused from a defective chimney, was noticed at about 7:30 o'clock and was extinguished by the Birmingham City Fire Department. The fire was burning in the roof and had a good start.

The Bloomfield Hills department fought the blaze with water hauled in their Woodlawn avenue hydrant.

The Bloomfield Village volunteer department was called to the scene and coupled its standard hose to the Birmingham hydrant, used a reducing coupler and the smaller hose from the other departments. With this equipment the fire was soon under control.

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## Only 14 Who Cans Operating in Birmingham

A representative of the ODT, for those who ride the taxis with representatives of the city of Birmingham, at the Chamber of Commerce in Pontiac, today to make a survey and study of the Birmingham taxi cab situation and to determine the need for a supplemental gasoline supply for the two cab companies operating here.

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**Need Help For Road Work**

Another plea for more women to aid in Red Cross work at the Community House was made today by Mrs. F. O. Guest, chairman of the Red Cross endeavor. To Birmingham women she addressed a plea that the number of women be doubled or even trebled, for the need is great.

A telegram to local headquarters states that 1943 Red Cross members are urged to contribute more to the greatest contributions women can make toward winning the war.