

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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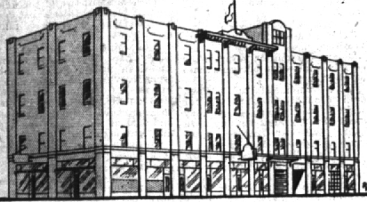
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You are as big or as little as the thoughts that possess you. One of life's big challenges is to bring to each day's thoughts a hopeful, optimistic viewpoint. It isn't necessary to be unrealistic in order to be cheerful. Counting one's already possessed blessing is an attitude for pessimism.

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Goodwill Industries of Detroit make an urgent appeal to Birmingham for increased contributions of clothing, shoes, household or office articles and other items which are no longer in use. The demands being made upon them are greater than ever before, they said this week, with nearly 300 handicapped men and women dependent upon the organization for security and a chance to live nearly normal and independent lives. Without the opportunities offered by Goodwill Industries, many of these people would be included on welfare rolls in their community, they explain.

Today, articles which are discarded by homes and families, can be turned over to Goodwill Industries, and become the raw material with which these handicapped work. One of the industry's trucks visits Birmingham each Monday to pick up material, and will make special trips if they are requested. Persons having material which they would like to contribute are asked to get in touch with their main office by phone or mail at 356 East Congress, Detroit 26.

"In the collection of home and office discards for restoration and resale," a company official said, "a rehabilitation and training program for the aged and handicapped is made possible. Men and women with physical handicaps are employed, given wages and training. Jobs are found for them which make no demands upon their capabilities which they will be unable to meet."

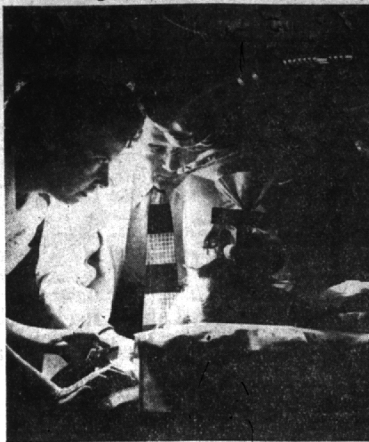
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## Still Finding New Cases for X-ray Therapy



By focusing powerful short-wave x-rays on diseased tissue, the young, tender cells of which such tissue is composed may be destroyed with little damage to normal, healthy cells. The use of x-ray for therapy is a comparatively recent development, but new findings in this field are being made constantly.

Facilities for diagnosis and treatment at many Detroit hospitals will be expanded and modernized through the \$19,720,000 program which the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund now is conducting. The fund will help construct four new hospitals in Greater Detroit, including the new Southern Oakland Hospital. Ten existing hospitals in the metropolitan area, including St. Joseph Mercy at Pontiac, also will be enlarged when the Fund has been completed.

(Editor's Note: What the construction of a new 200-bed hospital will mean in increased hospital care and better health for the residents of Southern Oakland County is told in a series of articles of which this is the eighth. Toward this project \$1,500,000 has been allocated by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund now beginning a campaign for \$19,720,000. The Fund's overall program embraces ten existing hospitals in Greater Detroit to be enlarged and improved and four new ones to be built and equipped.)

Discovered only a little more than a half century ago, x-rays are playing a steadily increasing role in protecting the health and well-being of the men, women and children of Greater Detroit. Giant industries and many smaller ones in this metropolitan area rely on the x-rays to protect the health of their employees by periodic examinations. Of all the agencies to be employed by the new 200-bed Southern Oakland Hospital, which is to be constructed in this community, none will be used more effectively than radiology. This department of the new hospital will serve practically every other unit. In it will be concentrated all the complex equipment needed to harness penetrating radiant energy, including the x-rays, for use in detection and treatment of disease.

Because of its great seeing-power, the X-ray sometimes brings strange reports into medical records. Discover Bits of Lead

A woman recently came to Grace Northwestern with a bad sinus condition. The X-ray disclosed that bits of lead were lodged in the bones of her face. Then she revealed that 10 years ago a jealous sweetheart had shot her in the back of the neck. The bullet came out through her face without striking any vital organ. The sweetheart ran away, thinking he had killed her, and later committed suicide. Her wound soon healed. Ten years later the x-rays made it possible for the doctors to connect her sinus trouble with an almost forgotten case of assault with intent to murder. The X-rays, of course, can do many things besides finding tiny hidden bullet scrapings. With the help of some penetrating rays the doctor can learn many things about his patients.

High Frequency Currents  
However, the X-ray machine does more than add to the seeing power of the doctor. X-rays are

normally high frequency currents. They destroy unhealthy tissue quickly because it is young and tender and does not resist the destructive rays as much as healthy tissue.

When a cancer is deep in the body, the lower frequency x-rays are eliminated by an aluminum and copper filter and the remaining higher frequencies pass harmlessly through surfaces and intervening tissue until they reach the depth at which they are focused. In treating surface cancer, high frequency x-rays are concentrated only on the malignant growth which they destroy.

X-rays are used for a score of other diseases besides cancer, including arthritis, bursitis, shingles, hyperthyroidism, infection scars and warts.

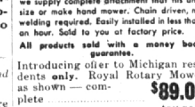
Toward construction of the new Southern Oakland Hospital, \$3,500,000 has been allocated by the Greater Detroit Hospital Fund which is beginning a program to raise \$19,720,000 to help build four new hospitals, including Southern Oakland, and expand ten existing ones in metropolitan Detroit.

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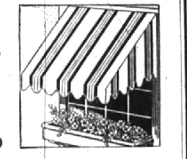
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