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St. Luke's Begins New Era; Large Addition is Opening

A milestone in the continuing efforts by St. Luke's Hospital to provide the Milwaukee area with the most comprehensive and best possible hospital care and service was reached this month with the opening of the new addition.

The hospital, now containing 526 beds and comparable ancillary equipment, is one of the largest in the community. The foundation of the new building will permit four additional floors as health needs of the area dictate.

Few, if any, of the several score community leaders who gathered on the empty field at South 29th street at West Oklahoma avenue in June, 1950, could have visualized what has come to pass. At that time, ground was broken for a 177 bed hospital, designed as the first modern hospital on Milwaukee’s south side, to replace the original St. Luke’s that was located at 230 West Madison street.

When the facilities were occupied in late 1952, it soon was obvious that a growing population and mushrooming medical progress would require additional space. Planning began and in 1955 the hospital announced that east and west wings would be added to provide larger laboratory and X-ray facilities and increase bed capacity to 263. The $1,700,000 project hinged on the availability of funds and a $500,000 campaign was launched and successfully concluded. Construction started in 1956 and was completed by 1958.

Fears of the hospital’s board of directors that financial limitations had prevented their building a structure that would provide for no more than immediate needs were soon realized. Patient demand grew and waiting lists for hospitalization became commonplace.

To provide a long term master plan of needs, the directors engaged one of the nation’s outstanding consultants in the hospital field, James A. Hamilton, of Minneapolis. Two years later he presented a comprehensive study of the entire community’s hospital needs which envisioned St. Luke’s as requiring approximately 800 beds by the 1970s. Included in that total are beds for psychiatric and chronically ill individuals.

In 1961, the first phase of a fund drive designed to raise $2,500,000 out of a $4,800,000 goal was launched and in 1963, with that initial fund secured, construction on the newly opened addition was begun. A mortgage together with a modest grant from Hill-Burton funds provided the balance of the $6,000,000 needed for the additional beds. The new facilities include 34 psychiatric beds and a 34 bed inpatient rehabilitation unit, the first

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Representative Scenes in the New Addition to St. Luke’s Hospital

The pictures on these pages afford an idea of the careful planning that has gone into the expanded hospital.

This X-ray machine takes pictures of minute areas within the body while blurring out larger, overlying structures.

Kitchen equipment is the latest, including this cooker for fast preparation of small quantities of vegetables. The unit to the left is a microwave oven that can cook a complete meal in a very short period of time.

This is one of two Hubbard Tanks being provided in a complete Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department.

A belt line permits systematic and speedy loading of food trays, helping to assure warm food for patients.

The employee cafeteria seats 356 persons, excluding 96 seats in private dining rooms.
Continuous education is essential in providing quality care for patients. The new addition includes conference rooms, like this one, to facilitate all educational programs.

Nursing stations at the junction of the four wings permit unobstructed view of all patient areas.

An IBM computer will assure accurate and fast compilation of patient accounts and is being programmed for maintaining medical records and other data pertinent to efficient, effective operation of the hospital.

The extensive laboratories include this unit in the bacteriology section. Aerosols from diseased organisms are drawn into the hood and removed from the area.

Patient rooms feature electric-powered beds that adjust to desired positions and levels by use of push buttons.
Large Number of Living Memorials Established

The deaths of prominent Milwaukeeans led to the establishment of an unusually large number of Living Memorials at St. Luke's during recent months.

These memorials are provided by contributors in lieu of other types of gifts in memory of friends or loved ones. Names of those memorialized and the donors are permanently inscribed in the Memorial Tribute Book on display in the hospital lobby.

The funds are used to help defray the cost of charitable services provided by St. Luke's.

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Remodeling Work Now in Progress

Now in Progress: The remodeling work on the present hospital is in progress. This will require two years and provide central air conditioning, 10 surgical suites, a surgical intensive care recovery unit, an expanded pediatric department as well as a mechanical equipment building and housing for two hyperbaric chambers. Work on the hyperbaric laboratory, the first of its kind for a voluntary hospital in this area, is expected to be completed within a few weeks.