

# EIGHTEEN PATIENTS NOW AT WOODLAWN

## CITY AND COUNTY GIVING TREATMENT TO SUFFERERS FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

### AGREE ON MANAGEMENT

#### Following Inspection Officials Determine Details of Conducting Institution—Will Make Charge.

Eighteen patients are now in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium maintained north of the city by the city and county governments. One of these, just admitted, is an 8-year-old boy from the Cotton Mills district of the city. He is bright and cheerful and it is the belief of the physician, Dr. Knight W. Field, that he will be speedily cured and able to return to his home. Some of the patients have the disease in advanced stages, but others are said to be responding well to the out-of-door treatment and wholesome foods.

Mayor W. M. Holland and County Judge Quentin D. Corley visited the hospital yesterday morning. They were pleased at the conditions as they found them under direction of Mrs. L. R. Mumfe, the superintendent in charge. They agreed upon the erection of a chicken house that there may be attention to the raising of chickens and the production of eggs. Some of the patients will be able to assist in that work, it is said. The fare for the persons afflicted with tuberculosis consists very largely of raw eggs, as many as eight a day in some instances.

The place was found to be scrupulously neat and the patients satisfied and well cared for.

Union Hospital, for patients with contagious diseases, several hundred feet away across a ravine, is managed by the City Health Officer, Dr. Albert W. Nash. The Woodlawn Hospital management is in the hands of County Health Officer Dr. K. M. Field.

Expenses of construction and maintenance in both places are divided by city and county equally. In considering the future plans for the two hospitals it is agreed by the County Judge and the Mayor, the special committee designated for the purpose, that if ever there is need for a resident physician for either or for both hospitals, the two governments shall share alike the expense attached to his employment.

#### Boards Reach Agreement.

The following is the agreement framed by the Mayor and the Judge to be submitted to the Board of Municipal Commissioners and the County Commissioners' Court for consideration and for ratification or change:

"We, the joint committee appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Dallas and the County Commissioners' Court of Dallas County to report and recommend rules and regulations for the administration of the affairs of the Union Hospital and of the new Tubercular Hospital, beg to report as follows:

"1. We recommend that control and management of the new Tuberculosis Hospital, known as Woodlawn Hospital, be placed under the jurisdiction of the county government, and that the management and control of the Union Hospital be placed under the jurisdiction of the city government. That the expenses for the support and maintenance of Woodlawn Hospital be paid direct by the county government, and that the city government remit to the county government monthly one-half of the cost of operation and maintenance of this institution. That the control and management of the Union Hospital be placed under the jurisdiction of the city government. That the city pay all expenses for the support and maintenance of the Union Hospital, and that the county remit monthly to the city for one-half of the cost of maintaining this institution. That the city health department furnish, without expense to the county, all medical superintendence for the Union Hospital, and that the county, through its health department, furnish without expense to the city all medical superintendence for Woodlawn Hospital.

"2. We recommend that patients to be eligible for admission to Woodlawn Hospital must be bona fide residents of the State for one year and of Dallas County for six months.

#### Rate for Those Able to Pay.

"3. That patients be admitted to Woodlawn Hospital and to the Union Hospital, upon the written order of the County Health Officer or the City Health Officer. That in all cases where patients or their relatives are able to pay for hospital expenses in either of said hospitals that they be charged at the rate of \$7 per week, and that in no case shall the city or county furnish special nurses or special accommodations for pay patients, it being understood that indigent patients shall receive as good care and attention as pay patients.

"4. That rules and regulations for the government of patients residing in Woodlawn Hospital be prepared by the County Health Officer and matron in charge of this institution, and that rules and regulations for the government of patients in the Union Hospital be prepared by the City Health Officer and the matron of this institution, the rules and regulations for both institutions to be subject to the approval of the County Judge and the Mayor before becoming effective.

"5. That no expenditure of money for permanent improvements in excess of the sum of \$200 shall be expended on either hospital without the approval of both the County Judge and the Mayor.

#### City to Handle Water Supply.

"6. That the city have jurisdiction and that it agree to repair and maintain the water supply system for both institutions, except the pipes and fixtures inside of the tuberculosis building, the cost for said repairs and maintenance to be paid by the city and one-half thereof remitted by the county to the city.

"7. Transportation of patients: We believe that it is unnecessary for the city and county to incur the expense at this time of the purchase of an ambulance for Woodlawn Hospital. We will be able to make a contract with the owner of a private ambulance to convey patients to Woodlawn Hospital much cheaper than to buy and operate an ambulance; besides, many patients can be transported to Woodlawn Hospital in the matron's buggy. In the foregoing report is embodied the understanding and agreement, as we recollect it, which was reached at a recent joint conference attended by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and the County Judge and County Commissioners, and we therefore recommend that this joint report be adopted by the city government and by the county government, and that it be spread upon the minutes of both the Commissioners' Court and the Board of Commissioners.

#### No Visiting Between Institutions.

"We have been advised that there is danger of spreading contagion if the matron and employes of these institutions visit each other. For this reason we recommend that matron and employes of Woodlawn Hospital be, and they are hereby prohibited, from visiting Union Hospital, and that the matron and employes of Union Hospital be, and they are hereby prohibited, from visiting Woodlawn Hospital; also that the matron of each hospital be directed not to borrow or interchange linen, cooking utensils or other property belonging to either institution.

"It being the purpose of the city government and of the county government that both of these hospitals should be run in an efficient and economical manner, and for the best interest of the patients confined therein, we further recommend that it be expressly understood that the county government shall at all times have the right to make suggestions to the city government relative to the management of the Union Hospital, and that the city government shall at all times have the right to make suggestions to the county government relative to the management of Woodlawn Hospital, all of which is respectfully submitted."