

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL NEARING COMPLETION

SANITARIUM FOR TUBERCULAR PATIENTS WILL BE OCCUPIED DURING CURRENT YEAR

Five buildings, comprising the Woodlawn City and County Tubercular Sanatorium, will be completed and ready for occupancy during the current year, it was announced yesterday by J. F. Woerner & Co., architects, who have drawn the plans. The Woodlawn grounds have been surveyed and laid out to take care of all future buildings that will be required to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community. Driveways, walks, fences and gates are now being replaced and changed to suit the coming requirements and conditions. Buildings under construction and for which plans are being made will be so arranged as to permit of their connection to a large central heating plant to be installed this year.

A sanatorium of two stories and basement, to be located at the south side of the grounds, is nearing completion at a cost of \$65,000. This building will take care of 45 additional patients, bringing the total capacity to 125.

A diet kitchen on the second floor will furnish food for the bed-ridden patients, and an electric push-button, noiseless sanatorium elevator attends from basement to second floor. All patients' rooms, as well as the large open-air sleeping porches on the ground floor, face the south, and individual dressing-rooms, medicine-rooms, bath and toilet-rooms are on the north side of the building. A nurses' signal system and house telephones are to be installed on all floors. Commodious public waiting and reception-rooms are to be provided on both floors. This building is so arranged that no patients may be segregated or separated male from female, and convalescent patients from the seriously ill or bed-ridden, as patients on the way to recovery or practically cured should not be placed in the company of those with extreme cases of tuberculosis. Quarters for the superintendent, resident physician and nurses will be located on the west end of this building.

To Start Dining Hall Soon

Construction of the two-story and basement dining hall, to cost about \$16,000, will be started within the next few weeks, Mr. Woerner said. This building will be provided with facilities for receiving of all ambulance patients, and tray service for bedridden patients. A modern kitchen will be installed at the north side of the building, with a dining-room for the patients, staff and employees on the south and east side. Large store-room in basement and first floor, so that food supplies may be purchased and stored in large quantities, thereby reducing the cost.

The laundry, recently completed at a cost of \$16,000, is electrically equipped throughout with the most modern and sanitary laundry machinery. The buildings are all fireproof throughout, and permanent in construction, and it is the intention of the city and county officials to replace all the present frame buildings as soon as possible with modern fireproof structures.

Construction of the proposed children's building is expected to be started this year and will be paid for by public subscriptions headed and fathered by P. P. Martinez, who has given a great deal of time and money to the cause of tuberculosis work. It is planned to locate this structure a distance away from those occupied by the adults, with playgrounds, open air recreation rooms and other environments helpful to recovery.

As soon as patients are moved into the new sanatorium some of the buildings will be remodeled for use of the many local negro tuberculosis sufferers. It is also planned to later construct on these premises a medical building and a nurses' home.

To Harmonize Additions

Ornamental gates admitting to the sanatorium grounds are to be erected at once, and these, as well as all present and future buildings are carried out in harmonizing appearance, using the same brick and stone trimming throughout. The Munn Construction Company is building the present sanatorium. The architects, F. J. Woerner & Co., who have been employed to design the future buildings, and who have had in charge the recently constructed buildings, have made a thorough study of this particular class of building, and with the assistance of Dr. H. F. Gammon, superintendent and medical director, Mrs. J. V. Wright, matron and superintendent of nurses, and the city and county officials, they plan to develop an institution par excellence.

The Woodlawn sanatorium is operated by the County Commissioners of Dallas County, and the buying is done through the County Auditor. Expenses are borne jointly by the city and county. Commissioner Porter Cochran has been appointed by the Commissioners' Court to have supervision of the institution.

Some of the patients at the sanatorium pay for the services, but if they are unable to pay they are admitted and treated the same as pay patients. Patients are admitted in rotation, and are required to be citizens of Dallas County and the State of Texas.