

# Million-Dollar Hospital to Open Soon

Scheduled to open its doors late this spring, probably in May, is the new \$1,100,000 Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital, a 50-bed facility located at 1437 W. Lomita Blvd. in Harbor City.

Opening of the one story modern hospital will mark a milestone in Osteopathic history in the South Bay area and will culminate three years of intensive work by Osteopathic doctors, their patients and friends.

Featuring the latest decor, the new hospital building will be finished in pastel shades in interiors designed to give patients the ultimate in tranquility. Built with two major surgery rooms plus an emergency surgery, the hospital building was planned to be expanded to 100 beds as soon as demand arises. Kitchen facilities are ample to care for the expansion also.

**THE BUILDING** is comprised of four wings with the east wing housing administrative offices, library and X-ray facilities, the north wing surgery, obstetric rooms; the kitchen, heating and air conditioning rooms are in the

basement below. The west wing will contain hospital room facilities while the south wing will house the maternity ward.

Waiting room and entry to the hospital will be decorated in harmonizing pastel shades with a bone aqua blue tile floor set off by panels in primrose, antique white, and French blue panels with starlight blue, marguerite yellow and Bambi walls set off by natural wood doors.

**THE IDEA** to build an Osteopathic Hospital in the Bay Harbor area was conceived in

April 1957 when the Harbor District was named by the State Hospital Authority as an area lacking in hospital facilities and the district was advanced to fifth position on the Hill-Burton list. The Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital Corporation, a non-profit group, was formed April 23, 1957.

Application for Hill-Burton funds, state and federal tax monies available for hospital construction in areas where needed, was made May 29, 1957. On Aug. 13, 1957, the project was approved by state

and federal officials and an allocation of \$594,882 was earmarked for the hospital project with one half of the amount to come from state tax money and the other half from the federal government. Qualification for the funds was predicated on the ability of backers to raise through public subscription, an additional \$300,000, or one third of the estimated cost of the proposed hospital.

**FIRST STEP** was the opening of a campaign headquarters at 25916 So. Western Avenue, in Harbor City, with Mrs. Alice Quiros of Redondo Beach as campaign director.

In September 1957 the hospital group employed the services of Architect Hugh Davies of Long Beach to design the new building. During an intensive three months campaign the group secured pledges totalling more than \$330,000 and on Dec. 9, 1957 the hospital was certified as qualified to receive the Hill-Burton grant, an outright gift to the area.

Acquisition of a site was the

next major problem and a six acre tract on West Lomita Boulevard at the foot of President Avenue in Harbor City, known as the "old Chinchilla Farm" was acquired on May 13, 1958.

**BIDS FOR THE** structure were opened Dec. 8, 1958 with the contract being awarded to the Ernest W. Hahn company as low bidder at a figure of \$783,000. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new hospital were held at the site Feb. 15, 1959 and construction work began late in February.

Cornerstone of the hospital, which carries copies of newspapers throughout the district which have aided in its construction, were placed in the cornerstone box along with other appropriate documents.

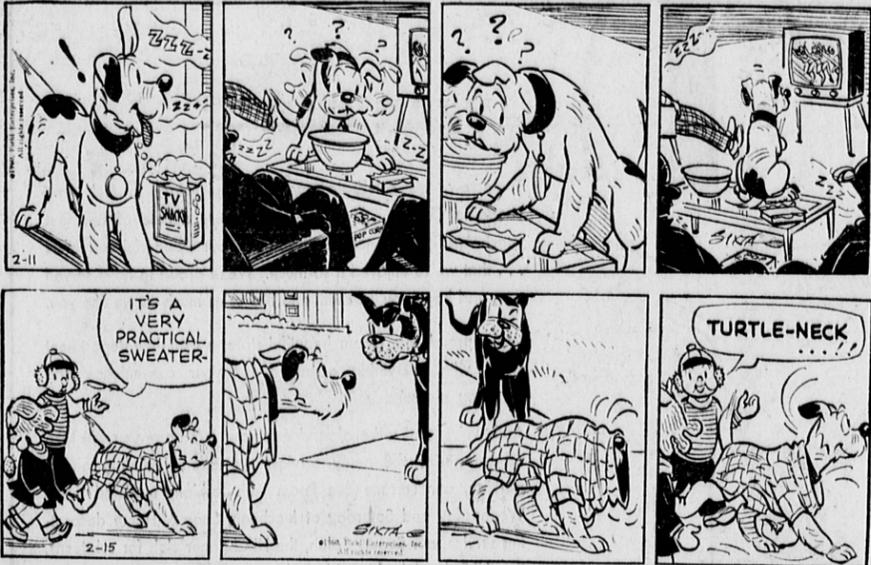
Today final touches are being made to the building. Painting has been started with completion of the painting expected early in March. Installation of equipment and completion of other details is expected to take an additional 60 days.

**COMPLETION** of the building will be a tribute to the cooperative spirit of Osteopathic doctors and their patients of Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Lomita, Gardena, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach.

Auxiliary and Guild groups have also aided in the entire hospital program

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