

Little Mary Hospital Nears Readiness for Fall Opening

Finishing touches now are being put on the contemporary design 150-bed Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance. Completion is scheduled early this fall.

The five-story, four-wing, reinforced concrete and stucco building will cost about \$3,500,000. It is located on a 10 acre site at Torrance Blvd., and Earl St., and will be operated by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, founded in 1887 at Nottingham, England.

Every medical and surgical facility needed to care for the surrounding communities adequately has been incorporated in the hospital, including 24 hour emergency service for all accident and injury patients.

Special Design

The hospital was designed by Architects Gene Verge and R. N. Clathworthy, AIA, to meet all community needs and to provide the ultimate in patient care for both residents and employees in business and industry.

Construction was started in January, 1958, by Steed Brothers, general contractor, with Roy Radford of Whittier, construction superintendent. George Leverenz of Torrance is supervisor for the Little Company of Mary.

Generous use of glass with aluminum window sash and terrazzo tile flooring has been used throughout the building. The ex-

terior will be painted.

The medical staff is headed by Dr. John A. Wilson, M.D., as president, with a total of 150 staff members. The acceptance of the staff was announced by Mother M. Genevieve, president of the board of directors.

Mother M. Genevieve of Evergreen Park, near Chicago, is provincial in the United States of the Little Company of Mary hospitals. Mother M. Lucy is in charge here.

43 Hospitals

At present the Little Company of Mary sisters have 43 hospitals throughout the world including five in this country. The Torrance institution is the sixth in the United States and the first established west of Chicago.

The Torrance hospital's four surgical rooms and recovery ward; obstetrics department, including labor and delivery rooms, and recovery ward; pediatrics department and 24 hour emergency facilities are air-conditioned.

A covered walk leads from the

main hospital building to the large one story service building at the rear. This houses the boiler room, laundry, sewing and linen rooms and incinerator.

Designed to serve 19 neighboring communities, the hospital has a service elevator and two patient elevators, with provisions for a third patient elevator.

This will be put into operation when the additional three floors are added to the building in the future. Future plans also indicate an extension to the east wing.

Emergency Facilities

The present street floor will house the 24 hour emergency facilities, out-patient clinic, x-ray therapy, kitchen and storage area. Lobby, business offices, coffee shop, cafeteria, laboratory and pharmacy will be on the first floor.

Surgery and recovery ward, central sterilizing unit and sur-

gical patient rooms will occupy the second floor, with obstetrics, nursery and patient rooms on the third floor.

The fourth floor will have pediatrics and patient rooms, along with the chapel and quarters for the sisters. A separate building for a sisters convent and a separate chapel are projected for the future.

Besides Dr. Wilson the medical staff includes Fred F. Herman, M.D., Torrance, vice president; Howard P. Fischel, M.D., secretary-treasurer; and Matthew P. Romeo, M.D., chairman, department of medicine.

Other department chairmen are Louis T. Moore, M. D., surgery; Fred B. Rothell, M.D., pediatrics; Elmer M. Broen, M.D., obstetrics-gynecology; Joseph Nebolon, M.D., Lomita, general practice; Richard F. McClure, M. D., radiology; and John R. Mc-

Merit Award Presented by Sisterhood

Temple Menorah Sisterhood presented its first Woman Merit Award at the recent installation luncheon held at the Polynesian Grath, M.D., pathology.

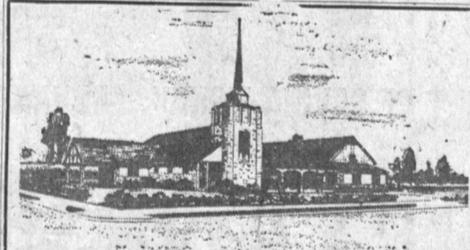
Restaurant.

The Sisterhood honored five deserving women who have served throughout the years. They are Mrs. Mark Bennett, Arnold Cowan, Ben Kaufman, Henry Rappaport and Sydney Siegel.

The surprise presentations were given by Mrs. Sam Katz, who has in the past, received an unofficial award.

The plaques, were originally designed by Mrs. Stella Benmayor.

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