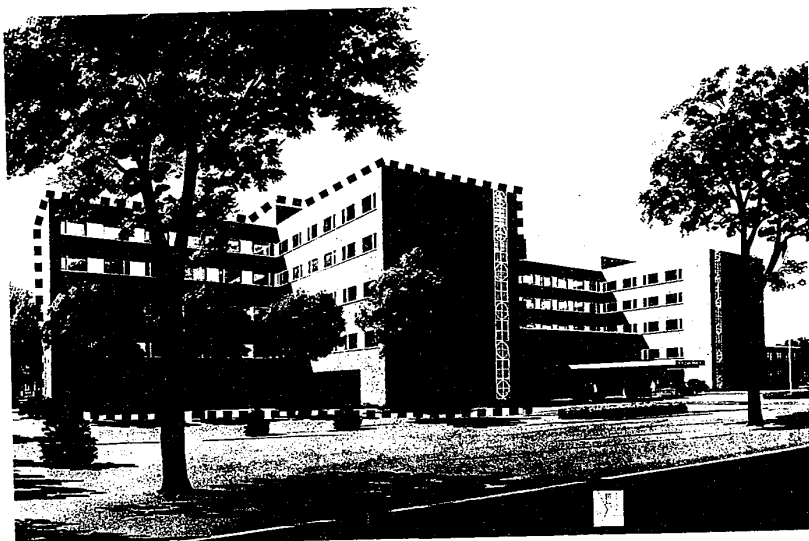


THIS IS the "Hubbard Tank" in the new hydro-therapy department with Dr. Mike Elzea and attendant Margaret Soudura working with a patient. Hydro-therapy is combined with electro-therapy as well as speech therapy among the added services.



THE EXPANDED facilities which doubled the size of the original St. Mary Hospital are outlined here and now place the

371 bed institution in the forefront of Michigan hospitals.

St. Mary Doubles Size; Dedication Is Nov. 21

The Order of Felician Sisters - whose lives are devoted to caring for people, sharing their misfortunes and bringing relief to pain and suffering - have reached another milestone.

When the enlarged St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is dedicated next Tuesday afternoon, it will take its place in the front rank of hospitals in the state and be the largest institution of its kind in the metropolitan suburbs.

It opened in 1959 with 180 beds, and the latest addition has given it a capacity of 371 beds and the very latest in facilities and equipment.

"THE NEW ADDITION is a spectacular tribute to the skill of modern science," Sister Mary Calasantia, executive director remarked. "and also is a tribute to the vision and courage of the Felician Sisters and the people of the five communities it serves."

Since its inception, St. Mary Hospital has filled a much needed gap in northwest Wayne County and has become a medical oasis for the thousands of people who have brought about the population explosion in the area over the past decade.

Serving Livonia, Farmington, Redford, Plymouth and Northville, it is the main medical center of the entire area.

In terms of material and equipment, the expanded facility cost \$13 million, and many persons shared in its financing. Chief among them were the individuals and firms whose donations amounted to \$3 million over a period of nine years, the loan of \$8.6 million taken by the Sisters and a grant of \$1.5 million from the United Foundation and \$500,000 granted in 1965 for the expansion of the emergency department.

The true worth, however, cannot be measured in dollars. "The real and ultimate value of the brick, glass and stone structure lies in the inestimable service to the people in Livonia and surrounding communities," Sister Calasantia pointed out. "Those things cannot be measured in dollars and cents."

With the expanded facilities at their disposal, the men and women dedicated to the fight against disease can now wage a bolder war with the ills which plague all mankind.

STORY: W.W. Edgar
PHOTOS: Bob Woodring

TO HANDLE THE additional duties and expanded services, the employee roster will be increased from 575 to 800 and the patient load from 11,200 in 1971 to 20,000.

The addition is virtually a hospital in itself. It contains a sub-kitchen, coffee shop, doctors' lounge and library, the medical records department, business office, operating rooms, an inhalation therapy department, physical medicine and rehabilitation department, laboratories, central sterilization and supply department, pharmacy, mental health unit, cardiac care unit, intensive care unit as well as an additional 47 medical beds and 63 surgical beds, and a variety of offices and visiting rooms.

The latest scientific devices will provide what Sister Calasantia calls "ingenious aids" to the 139 doctors and 610 currently employed personnel.

The dedication of the new addition will add another bright chapter to the history of the hospital that was given its impetus back in 1949 when the newly organized Livonia Chamber of Commerce placed a hospital at the top of the list of priorities for the new city.

Realizing the cost of such a facility and knowing that it would be difficult to obtain the necessary cash, chamber officials appealed to the Felicians, who established their community in Livonia in 1956.

FROM THE START the Felicians were most cooperative, and finally a drive was launched in the early '50s. For one reason or another, it didn't get off the ground, and the plans and hopes lay dormant for a half-dozen years.

Then, in 1958, through a grant from the Hill-Burton Fund, the drive was activated again with Sister Columbine, now the provincial mother, and Sister Calasantia working as a team to oversee the building and operating of the hospital.

It was a great day in Livonia when the original structure of 180 beds was dedicated on Nov. 21, 1959. Sen. Philip Hart delivered the main address, and the long cherished dream had become a reality.

The hospital's place in the area was soon established, and in 1965 the first major expansion was completed. Following this, the great need forced another expansion in 1967, and now the present expansion which doubles the size of the original facility on Nov. 21.

THERE IS MUCH significance attached to the date of the dedication.

It was on Nov. 21 years ago that the first Felicians landed in America. It was Nov. 21 that the Felician community was established in Livonia and on that date in 1959 when the first unit was dedicated. So it is following a rich tradition to have the enlarged facility dedicated on Nov. 21, 1972.

Of the future of St. Mary, Sister Calasantia said. "The future is in the hands of the people of the communities it serves, men and women of good will and charitable nature, whose health needs will guide the destinies of the institution in the years to come."

She revealed that the next step forward will be the expansion of the x-ray department, the nuclear medical department and out-patient facilities.

"After that will come other needs, other challenges and other achievements."

"There can be no terminus to St. Mary Hospital's forward march against the forces of disease and death."

IN KEEPING with a trend, St. Mary was one of the first institutions to turn the emergency department over to the doctors and give them the responsibility of running it in a fashion whereby there is a staff member on duty at all times. It was a big step forward in providing service.

The dedication ceremonies are scheduled at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21 with Jacques Cousin, executive vice-president of the United Foundation as the principal speaker. The invocation and blessing will be said by the Most Rev. Walter J. Schoenherr.

And with the dedication the 13-year-old St. Mary hospital pledges its total resources to the aid and comfort of all mankind - born and unborn, young, middle-aged and old. Never in its young history has it ever wavered from that pledge, and its governing body promises that it never shall.



THE PHYSICAL medicine and rehabilitation department has been tripled in size to provide expanded services. Dr. Yerry Heaton, director of

rehabilitation medicine, is in the background working with a patient.



THE LABORATORY department not only added 7,275 square feet to its facilities but also has provided numerous additional diagnostic

services such as the lipo-protein tests and liver profile tests, etc.



THE PHARMACY department is proud of its new sterile processing room which makes possible the injection of medications into intravenous

solutions in a Laminar hood. This eliminates the possibility of introduction of airborne infectious materials.