



DEDICATION PLANNED FOR SHENANGO VALLEY HOSPITAL

On February 28, Osteopathic Physicians in the Shenango Valley area of Pennsylvania will see the culmination of their four year dream come true. On this day the new Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital will be dedicated and an open house will be held to familiarize everyone with the facilities of the new institution.

In 1956, twelve Osteopathic Physicians in the Shenango Valley (composed of Sharon, Farrell, Sharpsville, Hickory Township - approximately 65,000 population) began organization for a public campaign to raise money for the new Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital. The city of Farrell donated a beautiful hillside tract of land of 15½ acres. The campaign was dropped in the summer due to the conflict with the first United Fund Drive.

In January 1957, the physicians again made plans for a financial campaign. Organized labor listened and committed themselves to support the hospital thru work and money. Thus began an intensive program of public information talks. In the valley there was a 250 bed Allopathic Hospital with a strongly organized medical society. Opposition was intense and carried into the newspaper media.

By June 1957, \$325,000 was raised on three year pledges (non promissory notes) from labor, business and industry. These pledges have been paid on schedule with a shrinkage of less than \$600.00. Hill Burton was applied for and was granted in 1958 for a total of \$297,000. Local banks and foundation, by loans, swelled the total to almost one million dollars.

Approval of the plans by the Surgeon General was completed and construction was begun in the spring of 1959.

The hospital is a two story masonry and stainless steel building with 50 beds. On the ground floor, the out-patient department includes x-ray, laboratory, cast room, emergency room and two treatment rooms. In the center of the building the lobby, hospitality shop, business offices, record room and library are located. The other end of the ground floor contains the kitchen, dining rooms, and utility spaces.

On the second floor the surgical suite has two major operating rooms, with substerile scrub rooms, doctor and nurse rooms, and recovery room. The Central Supply Room and nursing station and facilities are located near the center of the building at the stair and elevator areas. All

rooms are two bed-rooms with individual heat and cooling controls. The obstetrical suite contains a delivery room, recovery room, labor room, and near by, the nursery is located with an isolation room, formula room and nurses station. All rooms contain piped oxygen and audio-visual nurse-to-patient communication.

The boilers, cooling apparatus, repair shops, and heavy equipment is contained in a separate building immediately behind the main building.

The hospital is so constructed that the basic facilities will be large enough to handle 100 to 150 beds. Provisions have been planned so that expansion will require only a wing containing patient beds.

The hospital is a non-profit community-owned institution. The Board of Trustees is composed of lay members representing labor, industry, and business.

The staff will have a certified surgeon with an anesthesiologist, orthopedic surgeon, and radiologist qualified for certification. The staff is very interested in obtaining an internist to round out the staff.

In 1957, twelve doctor's wives began the Shenango Valley Osteopathic Hospital Guild. Their energy and enthusiasm was shared by many others interested in the hospital. In two short years the guild had over 400 members and had raised over \$5,000. They are organized to begin immediately, as aids in the hospital, sewing groups, and operation of the hospitality shop. This year the guild gave \$2,250 dollars to the Board of Trustees for the payment of lights for the parking lot. The entire equipment for the hospitality shop will be purchased by the guild.

Construction has progressed rapidly and is approximately three to four months ahead of schedule.

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