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Completion of Hospital Expected by July, 1954

When will the Oakland hospital be completed? How much will it cost? What steps were taken before plans for this building at the 13 Mile-Woodward site were formed? These are some of the questions answered this week by Merritt D. Hill, chairman of the drive to raise \$200,000 for the Greater Detroit hospital fund. This article is the second of a series of four in which various hospital matters are explained by officials.

Hill pointed out that during the 15 years since World War II, action was started on several progressive, well-intended hospital projects.

One group, the Woodward General hospital, succeeded in raising \$700,000 in cash and pledges, plus having secured a fine hospital site of 105 acres at Woodward and 13 Mile road. This is a recognized achievement of great value, then and now.

CONCURRENTLY, ANOTHER group, the Bloomfield Medical center, was directing its efforts toward creation of an outstanding hospital and medical center in the Bloomfield area.

Hill explained that these programs, together with others in the Detroit metropolitan area, each worked independently and were having a difficult time reaching their objectives.

Finally in 1948, the Greater Detroit hospital fund was created to consolidate all hospital fund raising programs.

He added, "The fund designated Oakland county as a high priority area and allocated funds for expansion of St. Joseph hospital in Pontiac and the creation of a new hospital in the southern end of the county. For this hospital,

\$3,500,000, the largest single allocation of the fund was designated."

THE CHAIRMAN stated that the Oakland hospital organization was created combining the aims of both Woodward General hospital and Bloomfield Medical center.

In addition, a compromise location on the southern limit of Birmingham was selected, known as the Porritt site.

Hill said, "Subsequently this site was abandoned in favor of the existing 13 Mile location, agreed upon as the most geographically suitable site. Transfer of this property to the Oakland hospital was accomplished March 4, 1952.

He added, "Today, the trustees of these earlier projects are teamed together in the new Oakland hospital about to be built. Architects and hospital consultants general plans have been approved."

In answer to questions of when the hospital will be completed, the chairman stated that it should be ready by July 4, 1954. The time table which covers 25 months includes detail working drawings, eight months; bidding and contracting, two months; and hospital construction, 18 months.

Hill stated, "A 200-bed structure of simple and dignified design, modern in every detail, the new Oakland hospital will have up-to-date surgical, laboratory, ra-

diology, and dietary departments, maternity accommodations and full emergency facilities consistent with our needs.

"IN ADDITION, the ambulatory clinic, serving the diagnostic and outpatient needs of this community of 170,000 persons and its industries, will make of Oakland hospital a major medical center."

Estimated total cost of the building, including equipment will be \$4,300,000. Total cost for the hospital will be \$4,300,000 and total for the clinic is \$800,000.

A breakdown of funds for both the hospital and clinic follows: Hospital: from Greater Detroit hospital fund, \$3,500,000; from Woodward General hospital, cash, \$500,000, pledges, \$200,000, and site, \$100,000.

Clinic: from Bloomfield Medical center, \$150,000; from private subscriptions, \$650,000.

NEXT WEEK: E. A. Tomlinson, president of the Oakland Hospital board of trustees, will give the board's views on the development of the hospital.



ALBERT W. BATES
Birmingham Man Heads Scholarship Committee for Worcester Academy

Albert W. Bates, 1964 Grad-fellow, has been named chairman of the 1952 scholarship committee for Worcester Academy alumni in the Detroit area.

Worcester's headmaster, Paul K. Phillips and Cloyd E. Small,

alumni secretary, will discuss educational issues pertaining to preparatory schools at a dinner for the Detroit chapter on Mar. 24 at the Statler hotel.

According to Bates, this is the first scholarship offer to come from the academy. It will be an annual grant of about \$800 a year, available to a boy from the Detroit area for three or four years. Competitive examinations will be given in May.

Bates has been active in church, PTA and the Little League Baseball affairs in Birmingham.

General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Woman to tell of Work At Mission for Lepers

Mrs. Julia Lake Kellersberger, promotional secretary of the American Leprosy Mission, will speak at the Southfield United Presbyterian church, 2375 West 10 Mile, at 8 p.m. Monday.

Mrs. Kellersberger, in addition to her various lectures, is the author of "Gougo Cross" and "Doctor of Happy Landings."

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Social Security Proposal on Agenda In Southfield

Whether Southfield township employees should be placed under federal social security will be discussed by the township board Tuesday evening, March 25.

Under the plan, starting in 1954 it will cost 1 1/2% of salaries for employees and 1 1/2% for employer. After Jan. 1, 1954, the rate increases to 2% each and after Jan. 1, 1960 to 2 1/2%.

Also on Tuesday's agenda will be a discussion of a proposed amendment to the township health ordinance, which would set a time limit to the period restaurant operators have to comply with requirements set by the county sanitary inspectors.

NPA Cities Birmingham Resident for Service

Edgar F. Gore, 283 Northlawn, has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he was presented a certificate of service from the United States Department of Commerce National Production Authority.

Gore, a resident of Birmingham for two years, is sales manager for the Bohn Aluminum and Brass company in Detroit. He served in Washington for six months as chief of the aluminum extrusion section of NPA.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—all the society editor about them.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 28,589
STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said county on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1952.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In re: The Estate of Greta V. Steffen, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the administrator of said estate, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, is offering for sale the real estate owned by said estate.

It is ordered, That the 31st day of March, A. D. 1952, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, and that notice be given to the heirs-at-law named in the petition for administration filed in this cause by personal service of a copy of this order by serving the same by registered mail with return receipts demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses, as shown by said petition.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Probate Judge.
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In re: The Matter of the Estate of Jennie I. Smith, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the administrator of said estate is granted to Lloyd R. Smith, or to some other suitable person, by serving the same by registered mail with return receipts demanded, addressed to their respective last known addresses, as shown by said petition.

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