

**THIRTY-ONE DOCTORS WORK HERE**

# Medical Village—A New Concept in Beverly

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As a community develops, changes take place—new ideas and new methods are substituted for the old.

Beverly Hills, a village in its own right since 1928, is primarily a residential area; however, it, too, is showing many signs of growth and change.

Among these signs of progress is one called Medical Village. Medical Village, Inc., is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Beverly and Southfield roads, and as its name and out-

ward appearance imply, is an expression of a new concept of medical services and facilities.

**ITS DESIGNER** and builder, Paul S. Hillock, who has been in the construction business in the metropolitan Detroit area for 27 years, has a firsthand awareness of building trends. He is also cognizant of the changing times and realizes the necessity of meeting the needs of the suburban physician as well as the suburban patient.

Medical Village is designed to meet the community's needs by making available specialists in

nearly all areas of medical and surgical practice at one convenient location.

The patients are further benefited by the ample parking facilities and the one-story construction of the buildings which eliminates stairways and elevators.

**PHYSICIANS BENEFIT** by being able to practice in buildings specifically designed for them, and the facilities are less costly than those built on an individual basis.

Hillock, a firm believer in free enterprise, stressed the fact that Medical Village is not a village of doctors who practice on a panel

basis. Each physician, or group of physicians, is independent of the others. However, due to their proximity they have available qualified consultants in other specialties, if necessary.

Construction of Medical Village began two years ago and still continues. Thirty-one doctors occupy the buildings now, and plans call for the inclusion of four more in the near future.

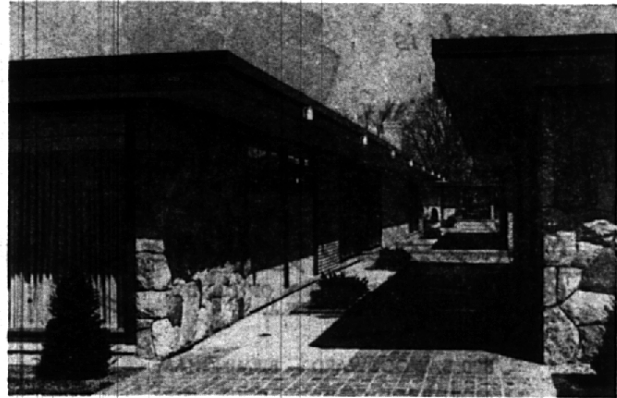
**MEDICAL VILLAGE** also includes diagnostic X-ray and laboratory services and a pharmacy, and plans for a meeting room and luncheon room are scheduled.

The physicians are stockholders in the corporation of Medical Village, and the corporation is owned by the doctors and Hillock. However, as in any corporation, there are other investors as well. The board of directors, which now includes five physicians and two laymen, is elected annually by the stockholders.

The rapidity with which Medical Village has been accepted by both physicians and the community is indicative of the need for this type of project. As many things have changed in recent years, a visit to the doctor has undergone metamorphosis as well.



**ENTRANCE TO MEDICAL VILLAGE**  
Located at corner of Beverly, Southfield roads.



**PHYSICIANS ARE STOCKHOLDERS IN CORPORATION**  
Buildings house suites, laboratories, pharmacy.

## Looking at Lathrup Streets

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Ever wonder how the streets in Lathrup Village received their unusual names? Why there is a Golden Gate, a Middlesex, a Morningside Drive?

A trip around the delightful boulevards, drives and circles may leave you a bit dizzy. It may also give you the impression that you are traveling through the state of California—with a side trip to England.

This may seem a little odd, considering that there is not a mountain, a redwood or a seashore in sight.

However, first things first, so let's begin at the beginning.

Before a budding city gets from planning board to map, someone has to come up with a likely-sounding set of street names.

**LATHRUP VILLAGE** was no exception, and here's how it happened:

When Louise Lathrup's dream city was still in the

nebulous stage, she had definite ideas as to what it should be like.

She envisioned a city of homes far enough away from Detroit to be out of the smoke and grime, where conditions would approach country living.

It must have clean fresh air and space for children. It must have gardens and trees and blooming flowers.

Yet, it had to be close enough to big-city conveniences to please the most discriminating home-seeker, in terms of distance, accessibility and so on.

**SHE ACHIEVED** a happy medium by selecting a type of house all the rage in California at that time—the bungalow.

But to avoid the pitfall into which so many developments tumble, she determined that her's should not have the usual peas-in-a-pod monotony.

They must have variety. She would build not just bungalows, but Spanish, Co-

lonial and American bungalows.

She would add a sprinkling of two-story modifications: some Tudor houses and English cottages.

**TO BEGIN WITH**, there was Southfield Road, the main artery, which bisects the oblong village extending a mile-and-a-half in width between 10½ and 12 Mile roads.

The village square, or townsite, in the heart of things, is surrounded by Eldorado Place, San Quentin and Monterey. Goldengate cuts through diagonally and extends both ways, a wide boulevard lined with modest but charming ranch type homes.

This square is circumscribed by a larger, octagonal square (pardon the expression), bounded by E. California and W. California Drives.

Confused? To aid deliverymen, postmen and you, new signposts with N.E., S.W.,

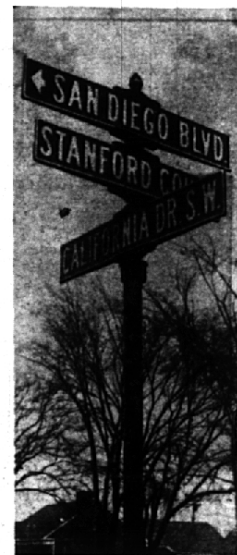
and so on, have recently been erected.

**THIS WAS** done not just where three street names—California Dr., S.W., Stanford Court and San Diego Blvd.—appear on one sign, but throughout the city.

You will really think you are in California on these streets which run at right angles to Bloomfield and Santa Barbara: San Jose, San Quentin, Alhambra, San Diego.

**BEYOND SANTA** Barbara on the western edge of town there are streets which will have you going in circles. Semicircles, at least. They are Sunnybrook, Rainbow Circle and Red River Drive, which converge at three-way points.

Circle the southern part of the village below 11 Mile Road and you will find a pocket of English cottages, Tudor houses and modern ranch homes. Names such as Middlesex, Kirbinnie, Meadowbrook, Cambridge and Ramsgate are in keeping here.



**WEST COAST INFLUENCE**  
There's a San Quentin, too.

## Hunter Home Attracts Local Quester Chapter

The John W. Hunter Chapter of Questers, a national study group for antique buffs, met recently at the John W. Hunter home to learn more about the first frame home in Birmingham and something of the man who built it.

The present owner of the house, Mrs. Kirby White who has lived in it for 16 years, long ago made a point of learning about it, past, and served as the group's hostess and guide.

Nearly 130 years ago, a young resident of New York State named

John W. Hunter set out on foot to seek his fortune, traveling through Canada and crossing into Michigan somewhere near Port Huron. He continued walking until he reached what is now Birmingham, where he decided to settle.

**IN 1822**, FOUR years after building a log house, he built the home that still stands today, using black walnut wood from the trees which grew on the original property.

The house, which was moved to its present location in 1893, first stood on the west side of Woodward Ave. between Maple and Merrill and served as an inn for travelers between Detroit and Saginaw.

Mrs. White acquired the house from a trust company in 1938, owning it for 10 years before moving into it, and had some remodeling done during that time, though the house is much the same as when it was built. The original lines were restored with the help

of Scott Hersey, a native Maine man.

Thinking it would need insulation, Mrs. White hired workers who discovered there was no need for it since the walls were five layers thick, so with the addition of an oil furnace, the house is snug and warm all winter long.

**MRS. WHITE**, great-grandmother of seven, has furnished the old home with antiques which had belonged to her parents and late husband's family. She is especially

fond of an Eli Terry clock with wooden works, a secretary made in 1855 for her grandparents, and still has her grandmother's china and glassware as well as many other mementos from the past.

The Questers, with a present membership of 20 Beverly Hills women also learned that Mrs. White is considering a move to New York State to live with a son, but will not leave unless she finds a buyer who will agree to leave the house intact, even if it means moving it to another location.