

JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR THE POOR.

The Jackson County Hospital for the Poor was provided for by a vote of the people on May 8, 1928.

The County Court appointed an advisory committee of medical men headed by Dr. R. M. Schauffler and retained Frederick C. Gunn and Fred Wallace as associated architects.

The hospital will be at the County Farm near Little Blue end located north and about 100 feet from the present Home for the Aged.

It will be of fireproof construction and its style of architecture is in harmony with the other buildings with the same native stone used in the exterior walls.

This hospital differs much from the usual hospital as it is used largely for the treatment of chronic cases. In plan there are three distinct buildings connected on the first floor by an ambulatory or all year sun room passage and from the east building is a passage to the Home for the Aged, near which is located the receiving, dressing in and examination rooms for all inmates of the Home and patients at the hospital.

The center building is four stories high, is the hospital proper with the operating, laboratories, etc. on the fourth floor. The large window in the center on the upper story and facing the north is in the operating room. Other floors of this building are divided into wards for acute or other cases requiring intensive medical care, and on the first floor are located the main rotunda, visiting room, office and quarters for the superintendent.

This is the tallest building of the group and it is dominated by a tower over the main stairway.

The building on the left is the Convalescent building to be used for those recovering from acute attacks of chronic disease and requiring careful nursing only.

The building on the right is the Custodial building to be used for convalescent or observation cases which require no hospitalisation and only custodial care. This building contains the psychopathic wards.

Several day rooms and sun alcoves are provided for those able to use them, in addition to large three story open porches extending nearly the full length of the two smaller buildings. Living quarters for internes, nurses and attendants are in convenient places and food and tray rooms are provided for serving those unable to use the main dining room which is in the Home for the Aged.

Occupational therapy will be used when possible as a means of interest to some and to occupy the time of others with the hope of renewing interest in life and the reclaiming of some economic values to the community.

Water is supplied through the service of the K.C. municipal water plant and heat and light from the present plant on the grounds.

Terraces are placed in front of the building and the grounds will be suitably landscaped and planted.

The total capacity is for 284 patients beds with a provision for future extensions.