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DEDICATION

La Crosse County Home and Infirmary Building

May 17, 1953 -- 4:30 p.m.



:- SOUVENIR PROGRAM :-

INVOCATION

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Pertinent Information On The New La Crosse County Home and Infirmary Building

This building was designed by Boyum, Schubert & Sorensen, Architects and Engineers, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Bids for construction were opened on June 19, 1951, and this building was completed in the spring of 1953. This 172 bed unit, which can be expanded to 188 beds in an emergency, consists of four floors, and will provide facilities for the reception, treatment and care of the aged and infirm. Rooms for medical and therapeutic treatments are provided.

The total estimated cost of \$650,000.00 in August of 1950 is reflected by the following bids which were awarded contracts as follows:

W.M.C., Inc., Winona, Minn., General Contractor, \$429,987.00
George J. McKoskey, La Crosse, Wisconsin, Plumbing,

Heating and Ventilating Contractor, \$125,070.00

John P. Mader, La Crosse, Electrical Contractor, \$31,540.00

Otis Elevator Company, Minneapolis, Minn., Elevator

and Dumbwaiters Contractors, \$26,251.00

Architect's fee @ 6% of total contracts, \$36,770.92

TOTAL COST OF THE BUILDING, \$649,619.62

The cost of the building per square foot was \$14.60, and the cost per cubic foot was \$1.585.

The La Crosse County Hospital Building consists of four stories, with a ground floor area of 10,926 square feet. This building has reinforced concrete footings, face brick with light-weight concrete block back-up and plaster exterior walls, "Pyrobar" and plaster interior walls, pre-cast tile joists with concrete slab floors, with asphalt tile floors, rubber tile base, acoustical tile ceilings. The roof is covered with 1-1/2 inches of insulation and has a built-up pitch and gravel covering. Circulation throughout the building is facilitated with three stairways leading from the first to the fourth floor, and with an enlarged elevator to accommodate stretch-er patients. Other features of this building include a dumbwaiter for serving meals to bedridden patients, a soiled linen chute, and an incinerator. Toilet rooms, bath rooms, and utility rooms all

have glazed tile walls and ceramic tile floors. Each room is provided with steel casement windows.

The building is completely fireproof and is provided with fire alarm gongs and a complete nurses call system for each patient to a nurses station on each floor. Metal cabinets are provided generally except that some wood storage cabinets are used in the patients rooms and in recreation areas.

Each floor of this La Crosse County Infirmary Building includes nurses stations, utility rooms, recreation area, therapy room and solarium. The first floor has the medical treatment rooms, offices, and a reception room for visitors. The second floor has an emergency operating room which also serves as a temporary morgue.

The kitchen and dining rooms are located in the adjoining buildings, but floor pantries serviced by the dumbwaiter provide for in-between meals and for distribution of meals for the bed-ridden patients on each floor.

The new boiler plant serves both the new and the old buildings. This plant has two low pressure boilers providing heat throughout the buildings by means of a two pipe low pressure vacuum heating system. All the heating units consist of convectors and unit ventilators, which are provided with dual temperature control. A special high pressure boiler furnishes steam to the sterilizers, hot water system, and will serve the laundry. All of the boilers have automatic oil fired burners and high pressure boiler tube cleaners. A new septic tank and drainage field has been provided for sanitation of the entire combined building.

The contract prices for this project included the storm sash, screens, all finishing, cabinet work, and counters; ceramic tile, resilient tile, painting, venetian blinds, lighting fixtures, the nurses call system, bed pan sterilizers, and all built-in fixtures in addition to the general, electrical, elevator and dumbwaiters, and plumbing, heating and ventilating work.

This new La Crosse County Infirmary Building features modern, fireproof, and permanent construction, all at an extremely moderate cost.