

\$550,000 Fund Drive By St. Francis Hospital

St. Francis Memorial Hospital, this year observing its golden anniversary, was a toddler born into a vast and growing world of medicine when its doors first were opened to patients in August, 1905.

New as it was, and relatively untried, the hospital soon became the pride and joy of its staff of doctors and nurses, the administrators and the community, too.

There were new medical horizons around the corner in 1905 and there was little doubt that the new center would be a part of the progress sure to come.

RAZED BY QUAKE

Eight months after that happy grand opening, St. Francis Hospital, like most of San Francisco, was reduced to rubble. Its builders had not included in their dreams the rumbling quake that struck the city early on April 18, 1906.

The hospital's first home was on Julian Avenue, a little street, two blocks long, between Fourteenth and Sixteenth Streets. After the big quake and fire that followed there was nothing left of the fifty-bed building but crumbling walls.

Patients in the young medical center were moved quickly to the old Market Street car barns at Twenty-ninth and Mission Streets before the flames consumed the hospital.

IN NEW HOME.

Shortly thereafter the sick, and now some injured from the disaster, were transported by train to San Mateo and temporary quarters in the old Hayward Mansion.

Three weeks after the earthquake, St. Francis Hospital was putting down new roots in San Francisco, in the Sabin Mansion at 2828 California Street and planning for the future began again.

In 1911, the hospital moved into a newly constructed building at Bush and Hyde Streets with a 100 bed capacity. The Medical Building was added on Hyde Street in 1917 and two wings added to the plant in 1921 boosted bed capacity to 300.

SURGICAL CENTER.

For almost thirty-five years now, the basic physical plant at St. Francis Hospital has remained unchanged.

Inside, however, the hospital has grown to where some 12,000 patients a year spend time there. Last year, for example, more than 8,000 surgical operations were performed. That is an average of about thirty-three a day—more than any other hospital in Northern California. The Plastic and Reconstruc-

tive Surgery Center at St. Francis draws patients from all over the world. Discoveries made in that center have become standard operative procedure.

TRAINING GIVEN.

The hospital also conducts a residency training program in general practice, obstetrics and gynecology, pathology, radiology, anesthesiology and plastic surgery.

Growth of St. Francis as one of the West's foremost surgical

centers has crowded its facilities. More space is needed.

Thus, on April 12, doctors, nurses, the hospital administrators and community leaders will meet at a dinner in the Fairmont Hotel to mark the non-profit, non-sectarian institution's fiftieth anniversary and also to mark the start of a campaign to raise \$550,000 for a new three floor wing on Bush Street.

Staff doctors have already subscribed \$140,000 toward the goal and other hospital employees have pledged another \$20,000, according to Orville N. Booth, hospital administrator.

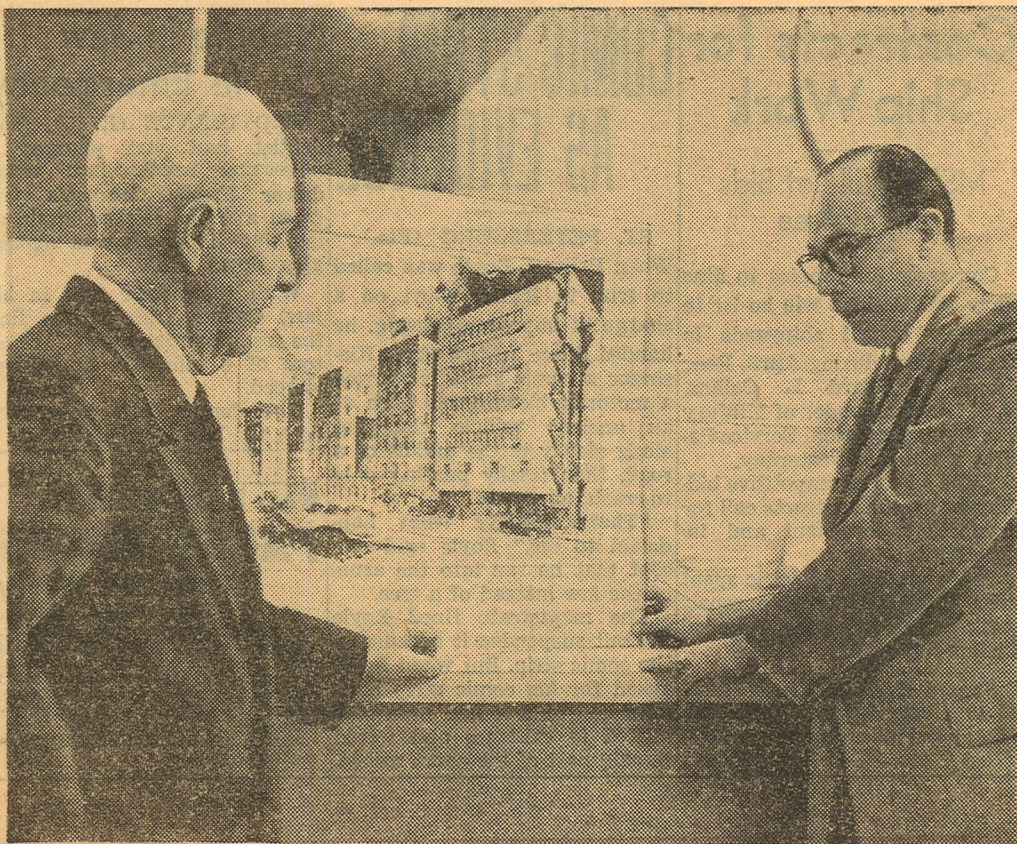
READY IN YEAR.

"St. Francis is one of six hospitals in California which is supported neither by any church nor by municipal or State funds . . . and this is the first time in our history we have sought sizeable financial help in the community," said Booth.

Construction of the new wing is scheduled to start early this summer and is expected to be completed in about a year. The foundation will be constructed to permit addition of five more floors in the future.

Here is what the new wing will provide:

- 1—One complete new surgical floor and reduced load on the ten surgical rooms now used.
- 2—New obstetrical, labor and delivery rooms with more facilities for free or part pay care for needy mothers.
- 3—Expanded clinical programs in obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics and plastic and reconstructive surgery.
- 4—Expanded kitchen and administrative facilities and a larger auditorium.
- 5—Space for two new departments still in the planning stage—one in psychiatry for the care of the mentally ill, and the other in geriatrics, for studies of the problems and illnesses of old age.



NEW WING—Dr. Lloyd R. Reynolds, left, president of board of trustees of St. Francis Memorial Hospital, and Orville Booth, hospital administrator, discuss a tentative architect's sketch of \$500,000 addition, work on which is slated to start in July.