

New UC Medical Center Set For Dedication Rites This Week

Hospital in Earlier Days

Background Was Colorful

Some of the historical background of the first years of the University of California medical center will be recalled this week, as preparations are made to dedicate the new Medical Sciences Building and the Herbert C. Moffitt Hospital.

The record includes among other things, a killing, vigilantes, a feud between two pioneer California doctors and the fire and earthquake of 1906.

More than ninety years ago two of the men who later established the medical center disagreed vigorously over the medical treatment of a newspaperman shot by a San Francisco supervisor.

CONFLICTING VIEWS.

James King of William, editor of the old Bulletin, was shot by James Casey. Casey was hanged by vigilantes. In the trial of one of his accomplices Dr. Hugh H. Toland and Dr. Richard Beverly Cole gave bitterly conflicting testimony.

Toland insisted King died from the medical treatment, not the assassin's bullet, while Cole presumably took the opposite view.

The two carried on a bitter personal feud, but were persuaded to put aside their differences enough to give the university a medical school.

Toland had built his own medical school on Stockton Street, between Chestnut and Francisco Streets, in 1864. Cole was its dean.

COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

By 1873 the two physicians had persuaded the regents to accept the school as a medical department, in return for the naming of two of the school amphitheaters after Cole and Toland.

The California College of Pharmacy also became a part of the university in 1873, and in 1881 the regents created the College of Dentistry. The three institutions were located in various sections of the city.

Then, in 1889, Adolph Sutro donated a thirteen acre tract of land on Parnassus Heights, the first step toward the development of the medical center, which now occupies 110 acres.

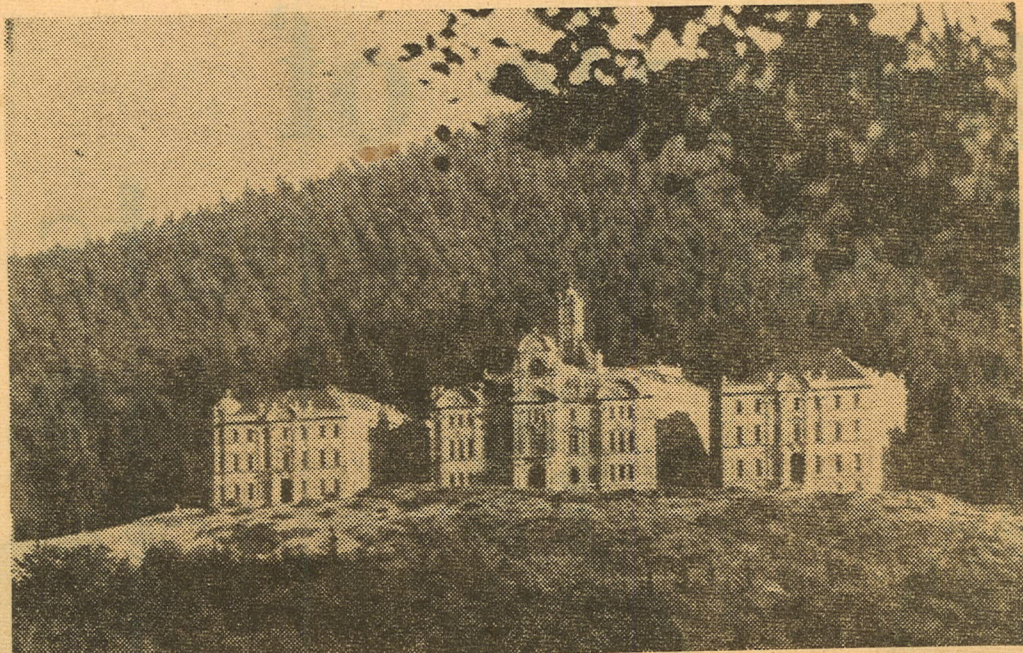
The 1906 fire destroyed the medical school's clinics, caused a part of the present medical school building to be used for hospital and outpatient use and made it necessary to move the basic science courses — biochemistry, anatomy and physiology—to Berkeley.

TEACHING HOSPITAL.

With the completion, in the next three years, of the second unit of the Medical Sciences Building, those departments will return to the San Francisco campus.

The medical center began its rise as a great institution for medical learning and research with the advent of Dr. Herbert C. Moffitt as dean of the medical school in 1912.

It is in his honor that the 485 bed teaching hospital, which will be dedicated Friday, was



CIRCA 1900—The University of California Medical Center as it appeared at the turn of the century on its present site on Parnassus Heights. Left is the present dental-pharmacy building which will be demolished this spring to

make way for a new unit of the Medical Sciences Building; center is the Medical School Building; right is structure intended for a law school (Hastings) which never used the site. It was used as a museum.

Langley Porter Psychiatric Clinic.

Some of its stars included Herbert M. Evans, anatomist, endocrinologist, and discoverer of the growth hormone; George Whipple, Nobel Prize winner, for his research in anemia, and Karl F. Meyer, epidemic specialist who, as director of the Hooper Foundation, helped save the California canning industry from botulism in the twenties.

EXPANDING NEEDS.

Just before the war, plans were begun on the building of a modern plant that would provide facilities to keep pace with the rapidly expanding medical needs of the people of the West.

An ambitious modernization program, interrupted by the war, has already added the radiological laboratory, with its 70,000,000 volt synchrotron for experimental cancer treatment, and metabolic research laboratory for the study of arthritis, rheumatism and diabetes.

This Friday morning the

latest additions — the fifteen story Moffitt Hospital and the fourteen story Medical Sciences Building — will be formally dedicated.

The ceremony, with national experts in the health field, many of California's top officials and civic leaders, will be held at 11:30 as part of the UC Charter Day events, with the public invited to attend.

Immediately following the dedication there will begin a three day program of open house, with guided tours of the plant on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

New Gym OK'd For Deaf School

Construction of a new gymnasium and athletic field at the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley at a cost of \$649,100 has been approved by the State public works board in Sacramento. The school is located at 2601 Warring Street.