

CHAPTER 20

Hospital Dedication

As the time for the dedication approached, we were all a bit uneasy about the weather for we had been having many rains, unusual for us, but October 7, 1940 dawned bright and clear and remained so. The services were held outside. The hospital viga-shaded porch was used as a speakers' platform. It was nicely decorated by the children of the Embudo Presbyterian Mission Day School with asters, brown-eyed susans, and zinnias and fall leaves in bright hues of red and yellow in a background of brown. About 300 guests occupied borrowed chairs and church pews placed in the yard below the platform. Friends and supporters from near and far sent messages and gifts of flowers, paintings, money, wall hangings, and so forth. Many mission dignitaries and other friends took part in the program.

Rev. F. Homer Tegler, Pastor of the Las Vegas, New Mexico Presbyterian Church and Chairman of National Missions of New Mexico Synod, presided over the Dedication Service. The Invocation was given by Rev. Kenneth Keeler, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe. The scripture was read by Rev. Joe Medina, Pastor of the Spanish Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Rev. Higinio Ruybalid, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Dixon and Moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe, gave

the address of welcome followed by greetings from Rev. Tomas Atencio, Pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Chamisal and Llano, representing the Spanish ministers; Miss Lela Weatherby, Superintendent of the Agua Negra School at Holman, representing the plaza schools; Mr. J. A. Poncel, Superintendent of Allison-James in Santa Fe; Philip I. Travers, M.D. of Santa Fe, consulting surgeon; Orval I. Nesbit, M.D., Espanola, consulting physician and surgeon; F. W. Parker, Jr., M.D., Santa Fe County Health Officer; Mr. Joe Hurtado, a former patient; Mrs. Milton Stewart of the Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, representing the Far West; and Mrs. William Smith, representing the East brought greetings from the many friends of the hospital throughout the church in the United States.

Mr. A. J. Trujillo, Elder of Chimayo Presbyterian Church, responded to the greetings.

Miss Ruth K. Barber, Dean of Girls at Menaul School, Albuquerque, gave a resume of the history of the hospital since the days of its founding as a Health Center in 1914.

Mr. Richard P. Milner, architect, presented the keys to the buildings to Dr. Harper C. Donaldson, Educational Director of the Unit of Schools and Hospitals and Superintendent of Menaul School.

Dr. Donaldson, acting for the Board of National Missions, in turn handed the keys to Sarah Bowen, M.D., resident physician in charge of Embudo Hospital. As she stepped forward to accept responsibility for the new buildings, the audience rose and applauded.

Miss Jessie Ogg, the main speaker, representing both the Board of National Missions and Brooklyn-Nassua Presbyterial, gave a splendid address.

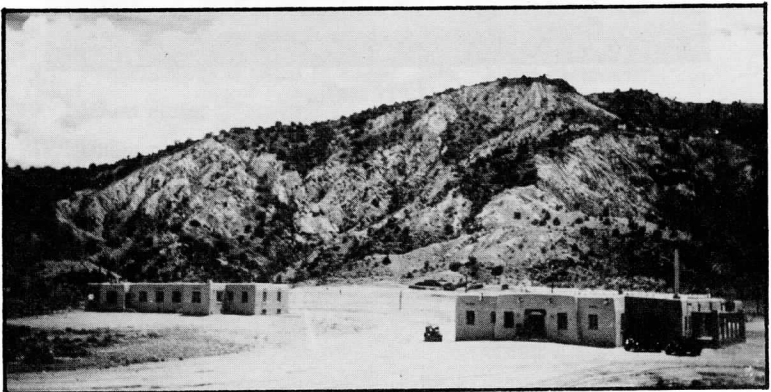
Mrs. W. A. McCammon of Denver, Colorado led the litany of dedication.

The prayer of dedication was given by Rev. Julian Duran, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Chimayo.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. William M. Orr, Field Representative for National Missions and Christian Education.

Special music was provided by the Menaul School Boys Quartette. Students from Embudo Mission Day Schools served as ushers.

Following the service, the visitors toured the buildings and were served little tea sandwiches, cakes, cookies, punch, coffee, and tea from an attractive tea table placed in the hospital waiting room.



Embudo Presbyterian Hospital & Brooklyn-Nassua cottage staff home



EPH staff

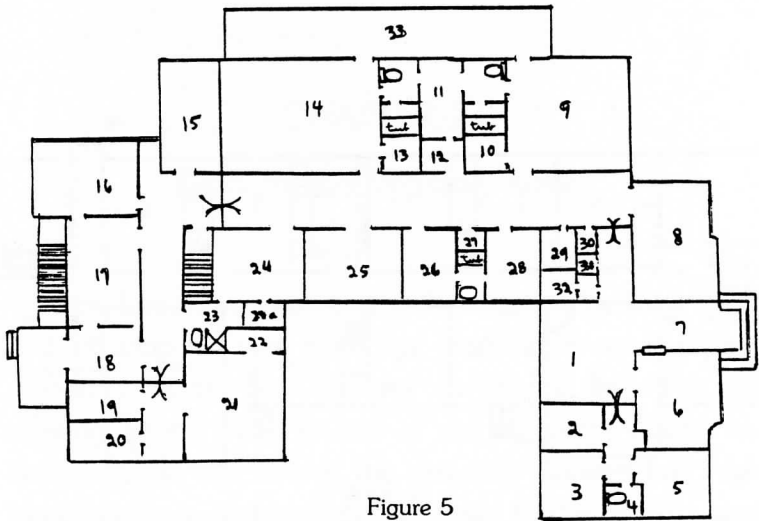


Figure 5

EMBUDO PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

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| 1. Waiting room | 19. Labor room and surgeon's dressing room |
| 2. Laboratory | 20. Sterilizing room |
| 3. & 5. Doctors' offices | 21. Operating room |
| 4. Private rest room | 22. Scrub-up alcove |
| 6. Business office | 23. Nurses' cloakroom |
| 7. Entrance | 24. X-ray room |
| 8. Children's ward (7 beds) | 24a. X-ray darkroom |
| 9. Medical/surgical ward (6 beds) | 25. Newborn nursery |
| 10. Linen closet | 26. & 28. Private rooms |
| 11. Utility room | 27. Utility closet |
| 12. Nurses' closet | 29. Drug room |
| 13. Linen closet | 30. Janitor's closet |
| 14. Maternity ward (8 beds) | 31. Phone booth (used for storage) |
| 15. Nurses' work room | 32. Public rest room |
| 16. Staff dining room | 33. Pergola |
| 17. Kitchen | |
| 18. Service entrance | |

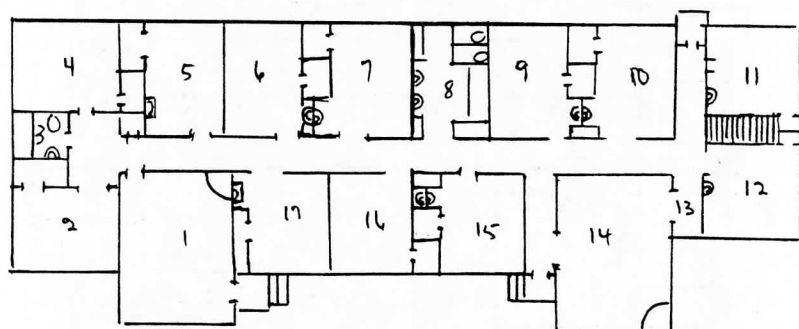


Figure 6

BROOKLYN-NASSAU COTTAGE STAFF HOME

1. Doctor's living room
2. Doctor's bedroom
3. Doctor's bathroom
4. Doctor's bedroom
- 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17. Nurses' bedrooms
8. Nurses' bath
13. Kitchenette
14. Living room