

Mercy Builds To Meet Human Needs

\$500,000 Set As Goal For Public Gifts

One-Third Total Of Program

Mercy Hospital's campaign to raise \$500,000 in Charlotte and neighboring communities...

The undertaking has the sponsorship of 136 prominent men and women of the community...

It has been one of the most pleasing experiences of his life, said Mayor Baxter...

"In the comparatively short time I have been identified with the campaign my own high opinion of Mercy Hospital and its place in this community has been amply confirmed...

Mayor Baxter added that in his opinion the present Mercy expansion program is the best leadership movement that is steadily gaining force throughout North Carolina...

The Honorable H. H. Baxter, Mayor of Charlotte, is general chairman of the Mercy Hospital campaign...

"There are not enough hospital beds here for the people who need them," he said...

Solicitation for the \$500,000, one-third of the \$1,500,000 cost of the present hospital construction...

"No one need be impatient," says Chairman Baxter, "for we plan to give all our people an opportunity to participate in this good work..."

South Carolina Lacks Facilities

South Carolina has completed a health facilities survey and the lack of doctors, nurses and hospital beds is serious in North Carolina...

The investigating commission recommends an integrated hospital plan which will provide for 56 general hospitals and 14 community clinics...

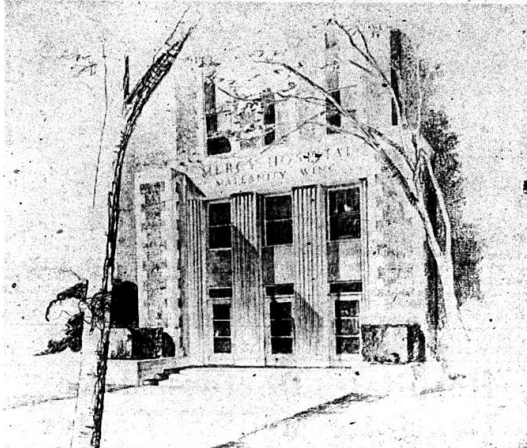
At an average occupancy rate of 70 per cent these hospitals would provide 1,182,113 inpatient days of service per year...

ORGANIZER — George T. Carey, Sr., is assisting Mayor Baxter and holds the position of general co-chairman.

The fire affirmative votes were cast by Councilmen White, Ernest S. Delaney Jr., Charles E. Lambeth, N. E. Frantz and Claude L. Albee...

SWELTER No doubt about it, these last few days have been scorcher...

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



TRIBUTE TO MOTHERHOOD - Doorway to new maternity wing of Mercy Hospital in which donors may establish memorials to kin or friends whom they wish to honor, meanwhile contributing to a humanitarian cause.

Will See Campaign Through To Victory

Mayor Baxter Heads Drive To Aid In Mercy's Expansion

The Mayor of Charlotte, is general chairman of the Mercy Hospital campaign...

"I suppose every man who is taking part in this undertaking is busy, in fact, I have noted that in such a public spirited enterprise as a hospital appeal, it is the busiest men and women who take the leadership, and get the task done."

"I accepted this chairmanship," Mayor Baxter added, "for three definite reasons. The first is that I know the need for additional hospital facilities here in Charlotte to meet our own increasing requirements and those of our neighbors, in surrounding areas, who look to the suffering, promoting health and prolonging life. Mercy has been doing just that for 60 odd years..."

"My efforts as campaign chairman, I need the active support of every citizen of our community, some to volunteer in the work of soliciting, all to give their financial assistance. I asked for this co-operation on the day I agreed to serve. I have asked it every day since and will continue to do so until the last report is in and the campaign officially closed."

MAYOR H. H. BAXTER Charlotte for health care. Knowing this need, I am in hearty agreement with the Mercy Hospital administration for its decisive and courageous action in undertaking so comprehensive a building program to help relieve a critical situation.

"My second reason is that Mercy Hospital as a community institution, is vitally important to all of us; its daily operations bring relief to thousands."

Mercy Occupancy A Steady Upswing Here are some figures which will help in an intelligent appraisal of Mercy Hospital. In 1937, the daily average of patients was 98.48; in 1941 that average had jumped to 170.00.

But for the past five years, the figures are most significant. Starting with 1942 there was an average of 126 for the next year, 154, the next 171, ... going up, ... the next 179, and for 1946 the average was one eighty-three, ... and that against a stretched capacity of 155.

A LEADER—A Good man, lawyer, is general co-chairman with Mayor Baxter, rendering valuable aid, in organizing Mercy campaign.

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\$1,500,000 Is Invested In Additions

Urgent Demands Are Being Met

Mercy Hospital is asking public support to the extent of \$500,000 toward a building expansion program, now under way...

The building program includes the construction of a new and complete maternity hospital immediately to the east of the present plant's east wing...

The basement of the present plant which now houses the kitchen and dining facilities is being entirely remodeled and expanded...

The program also calls for the installation of full complement of equipment for the enlarged department, for the heating plant and for the six-story nurses home.

Contracts totaling \$1,240,000 were let in October of 1945 and work on the several units was begun shortly thereafter. Scarcities in materials and unfavorable weather have protracted the work of construction...

The expansion program will add 120 beds to present capacity of the hospital, and housing for an additional 100 student nurses. It will provide facilities for all maternity cases and the nurses in the new wing, enlargement of many of the presently overcrowded and effective use of the new equipment.

Mercy's expansion program was decided upon in the face of growing inpatient demand from the people of Charlotte and surrounding communities for Mercy's services.

The designed capacity of Mercy is 132 beds, but for the last ten years the patients cared for have averaged 127.50 daily. For the last four years the daily average has been 170.29 with each succeeding year showing an increase.

"With actual experience of this kind," said L. W. D'ouss, chairman of the building committee of the Advisory Board, "we felt we would be lacking in our obligations to the community if we did not make a valiant effort to meet this challenge from our people here in Charlotte and neighboring communities, and supply this hospital's demand."

"In past years, Mercy Hospital's expansion has been managed through obligations assumed by the Sisters of Mercy and liquidated by allocation of operating revenues and occasional gifts from generous friends, but mainly through the devoted, sacrificing efforts of Mercy themselves."

"The present unprecedented expansion of \$1,500,000 on page 8

SNOW Boulevard Project



New Blow Hits Non-Communists In Bulgaria

Foes Expelled From Parliament

A new communist blow to non-communists in South-eastern Europe—expulsion of the hard core of the opposition from Bulgaria's Parliament—was presented to the world today...

An authoritative source in Washington said the United States is reviewing the whole American policy in southeastern Europe to determine what lines of future action might be more effective than the long series of futile protests since Moscow and other Communist capitals in the past few years.

Diplomatic authorities in Washington were predicting freely that Russia either would reject or try to hamstring further demands for a Big Three inquiry into the Communist Party's power in Hungary, and that, in either case, the United States in all probability would carry the case to the United Nations.

BULGARIAN ACTION The Bulgarian Parliament voted last night that 22 members of Nikola Petkov's Agrarian Party and therefore 40 members of the members of the Agrarian Party...

The Bulgarian Parliament's action is under arrest on charges of conspiring against the State. His arrest was the subject of a sharp statement by the U. S. State Department yesterday, which said that the arrest of Petkov, Bulgarian Agrarian Party leader, and his departure would go before the United Nations for its consideration.

U. S. PROTEST The United States said the foundation for an appeal to the U. N. in a vigorous and new Communist commander in Hungary, charging that the U. S. State Department was interfering in internal affairs and demanding a joint inquiry by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Some State Department officials in Washington must be under the impression that a Balkan one, they expressed the opinion that it might be raised in the United States, France, Germany and wherever else the Western powers conflict with Communism.

At Budapest, a prominent member of the Hungarian Parliament denounced the new Communist controlled Government today and called on the State Department to adopt Communist tactics if they hoped to set up a real democracy in Hungary.

Freedom Party Leader Dezo made a scathing, hour-long denunciation of the new Communist Government. He said he had made Hungary a police state.

"The widest and most objectionable political terror," he said, "is being practiced here. There is no freedom of press, assembly or opinion."

But his latest statement, at a news conference yesterday, was widely interpreted to mean that he would not support the Communist Government until next Wednesday when Suklov concluded his speech.

Actress Becomes Mother HOLLYWOOD—A third son was born yesterday to Actress Cobden "Pat" O'Brien and her husband, Dr. Palmer Beaudette. They were married in 1941.

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THE LAST DETERMINED STAND—Opponents of the cross-town boulevard made final and futile appeal to the City Council yesterday afternoon to block the cross-town boulevard and most of those shown in the picture are protestants. There was a sprinkling of advocates, including some of those on the first row, left to right, Attorney Frank H. Kennedy, Frank Thies, chairman of the Planning Board (reading sheet of papers), Harry Hewson and J. E. Dowd, general manager of The News (extreme right), Attorney John A. McKee (in white shirt), chief spokesman for the protesting group, is also shown on the front row. Seated at the table in the foreground are Mrs. Lillian Hoffman, City Clerk, City Manager Henry A. Yancey, and Councilman F. A. Childs and John P. White (back to camera).

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WEATHER Considerable cloudiness today, tonight, and Friday with showers and showers. Little temperature change except not so warm today. Temperature at 2:30 today 53 High and low last 24 hours, 56-70. Sun 10:30. Sunrise tomorrow 5:50. More Weather Data on page 10-A