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ST. CLAIR OKS HOSPITAL DEAL THAT OUSTS UAB

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ASHVILLE--The St. Clair County Commission unanimously approved a contract Friday that will switch control of its county-owned hospital from the University of Alabama at Birmingham to Alabama Health Services Inc.

The vote clears the way for AHS, the parent company of Medical

Center East, to begin managing the 78-bed hospital in Pell City under a 25-year lease. UAB has operated St. Clair Regional Medical Center for the past 10 years, but was defeated in a vote by the St. Clair County Healthcare Authority a week ago. Members acknowledged it came down to dollars.

"First we looked at employee benefits, then we looked at services provided, third was the dollars provided to the county," said authority member Bill Fox. "That was the deciding one because the other two were equal."

The AHS contract was valued at \$12.8 million, twice UAB's offer of \$6.4 million. But while AHS would pay the county more during the life of the contract -- \$415,000 a year compared with UAB's token \$1 a year -- UAB officials said they were offering much more up front in renovating the building.

And they said there were other incentives, such as an oral promise of a new dialysis center, which were not included in the contract.

Denise Hamilton, UAB manager of financial planning and former administrator of the Pell City hospital, said the actual difference between the two contracts was closer to \$2 million.

"We think that with all things considered, \$ 2 million over 25 years is very small," she said. "We just think we had the best contract."

Under the new contract, hospital employees will no longer be part of the State Retirement Systems as they were with UAB and will lose the option of retiring after 30 years of service.

AHS benefits allow employees to retire after reaching the age of 59, but vested employees will still be able to draw their state retirement along with whatever they have paid in to the AHS plan, said Dennis Miller, senior vice president of management and support services for Eastern Health Systems, Inc., which will be the managing partner for the hospital.

"The employees who have been there the longest will benefit the most," Miller said. "They will not lose, they will gain."

But they will lose the educational benefits, such as employees' children paying half-price tuition at UAB, Ms. Hamilton said.

The hospital's 178 employees were evenly split over which company they wanted to work for, said Bill Weathington, St. Clair County attorney.

Commissioners said another benefit to the contract is that a 4-mill county tax that supported the hospital and the authority will no longer be needed and could be repealed.

That tax brings in about \$625,000 a year, according to revenue records. County officials said that money paid upfront and the annual payments will allow them to pay off the \$800,000 bond debt from construction of the hospital in 1970 without the revenue from the tax.

AHS will assume the hospital lease July 1.

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St. Clair Hospital

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Since opening its doors in April 1970, St. Clair Regional Hospital has evolved into a state-of-the-art facility offering a myriad of in-patient and out-patient health services.

The hospital, which is licensed to maintain 82 beds, has added a renal dialysis unit within the past five years. Radiology, along with a full range of diagnostic services, is also offered.

St. Clair Regional also caters to home health care needs of area residents. The home health care program began in November 1995 and has grown to include nurses making more than 1,500 visits per month. The program serves all of St. Clair County with licensed nurses who administer nutritional counseling and occupational and speech therapy services.

St. Clair Regional (formally St. Clair County Hospital) was leased to Alabama Health Services in July 1995. It is affiliated with four other hospitals in the Birmingham metro area: Brookwood Medical Center, Medical Center East, Lloyd Nolan Hospital and Blount Memorial Hospital.

Numerous renovations and additions have already been made at SCRH. The hospital lobby, gift shop, dining room, patient rooms and the physical therapy department were recently renovated.

Also new equipment - \$3.5 million worth - for the hospital has been purchased or will be purchased in the near future.

Among the hospital's active staff of physicians for family practice and internal medicine are Has Mukh Jariwala, M.D.; James J. Matic, M.D.; James M. Tuck, M.D.; Maria Evans M.D.; and Ronald Helms, M.D.

The pediatricians serving patients at SCRH are Rubina Siddiqui, M.D., and Lilian Lim, M.D., and the anesthesiologist is Matthew Bennett, M.D.

Other active staff members include radiologist William Varnell and general surgeons Dennis P. Owens, Luis E. Reyes, W. Earle Riley and Thomas C. Strong.

On St. Clair Regional's enlarged Outpatient Clinic staff are cardiologists Dr. Alejandro Aldana and Michael B. Honan, gastroenterologists Dr. Joseph L. Cochran and Dr. Carl Frosina, neurologists Dr. Gregory James and Dr. Robin Newton, orthopedists Dr. Carter Slappey and Dr. P. Lauren Savage Jr., and pulmonary practitioners Dr. Maria L. Johnson and Dr. Andrew Wilson.

Dr. George Adams offers urological services, and Dr. Durga Prameela Goli is a specialist in rheumatology. Oncology and chemotherapy are the specialties of Dr. Dice Lineberry, and otolaryngology specialties are available from Dr. Douglas Lowery.

OB/Gynecology staff members include Dr. William E. Somerall. Dr. A. Williamson Huff is a gynecologist for the hospital. The pain management staff includes Dr. Matthew Bennett.

For more information about services available at St. Clair Regional Hospital, call 338-3301.

The outpatient clinic may be reached at 884-0434, and information about home health care may be obtained at 884-7202.

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Hospital owner, operator agree on need for new hospital in St. Clair

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While the owners and operators of St. Clair County's hospital and others agree the time has come to build a new facility, that time will still be a while in coming. But when the time arrives, it will spell the end of an era for the current St. Clair Regional Hospital building.

Committees have estimated that construction of a replacement hospital to serve the county's needs would cost between \$10 million and \$15 million, though it is not known exactly what size facility would be needed.

St. Clair Regional Hospital, built in 1968, has 84 beds, thanks to a fourth floor that was added in the 1980s. But the architecture of the building, of which its interior walls are the support structure, makes any more expansion prohibitively expensive.

Its emergency room, which reportedly served 15,000 patients last year, has been in especially cramped quarters for most of its 30-odd years of operation.

Longtime St. Clair County Healthcare Authority chairman J.B. Martin Jr. said the emergency room space "hasn't been sufficient since we built it, but it's going to get better."

Martin added that increased public use of the emergency room over the years put a strain on the facility that the board did not foresee as it planned the building in the mid-1960s.

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Eastern Health Systems responded affirmatively to a recent request by the authority for a letter of intent to be part of a replacement hospital project, Martin said. The authority, which meets monthly, has yet to formally accept the letter of intent by resolution.

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If the current board does become involved in a hospital construction project, it won't be without experience. Martin was on the board in its infancy when then-St. Clair County Hospital was built.

When and if all involved parties agree to build, any construction process would be at least a couple of years long, due to the time necessary to negotiate a development plan, getting state approval before work could begin and passing intensive regulatory inspections after work starts.

The authority would also have to decide the fate of the current hospital building, which would not be maintained as such once its replacement opened, Martin said.

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In such a case, potential tenants or purchasers of the building would most likely be an institution such as a nursing care facility, clinic or similar use, Martin said.

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Another important issue to be decided is who will pay how much toward a replacement hospital construction project. Martin said amounts would be determined by formal negotiations between the authority and Eastern Health Systems.

The size of any new hospital to be built would be determined by the Alabama Department of Health, with state funding attached.

"If the board were to approve a plan, we would first have to submit a certificate of need to the state, which would address what size facility they think we need," Martin said.

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St. Clair Health Care Authority considers new hospital

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HCA studying possible new hospital

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A comprehensive listing of the needs and numbers involved in the process of getting a new hospital building is currently being compiled by a consultant working for the agency that owns St. Clair County's current such facility.

The St. Clair Healthcare Authority has consultant Gary Griffin working on a compilation of various data that documents the need for a new building to house St. Clair Regional Hospital (SCRH). The information must be completed prior to formal pursuit of funding assistance to pay a new building.

At a meeting of the authority Thursday, Griffin declined offering an explanation of the where the process stands currently, saying such comments would be inappropriate at the current time.

"It would be premature at the moment, and may be for a while," Griffin told authority members. But he did promise an announcement to media in the future about the process of building a new hospital when details are set.

Griffin also worked for the authority approximately 8 years ago, on the process of the writing the lease agreement for SCRH.

Licensed to maintain up to 80 beds, SCRH was built in 1968 with funding allocated under the Hill-Burton Act of Congress. Originally run by St. Clair County, it has been enlarged twice, including the addition of a new top floor. The building has also been extensively renovated.

Since 1995, SCRH has been run under the terms of a 25-year lease agreement for \$405,000 a year by Eastern Health Systems as part of the Baptist Medical Centers chain of healthcare facilities. The chain also operates hospitals in Talladega, Sylacauga and Blount County under lease, and bought Shelby County's hospital outright.

Ralph Clark, Eastern Health's vice-president in charge of operations at SCRH, said that the need for a new building is apparent, but added that other concerns are involved in the decision making process.

Authority chairman J.B. Martin said Griffin is working to, "put all the issues on the table, to see if a new building is feasible," and that the consultant has also been serving as a liaison between the authority and Eastern Health.

One of the major issues at hand is how the long-term lease would be affected by a new building, Martin said.

"We hope that within 30 to 60 days, we'll have some decision making questions to put before our board," he said.

The authority chairman said one of the current building's most prominent shortcomings is a lack of adequate space for outpatient services, which have become the norm for a wide variety medical procedures. Such was not the case when St. Clair County Hospital was built.

"The hospital just didn't do anything outpatient back then," he said.

Although the decision process remains ongoing, Martin said a new hospital would likely have about half the number of beds it now has.

"We would probably be looking at about 40 with a new one," he said.

Martin also said the authority will likely be looking for an all-new site if the decision is made to put up a new building, he said.

"What we would hope to do, is to put it in a completely different area," he said.

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Hospital, Eastern Health System merger beneficial for all parties involved

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PELL CITY - St. Clair County Regional Hospital CEO Terrell Vick said facilities will remain the focal point for the hospital in Pell City, even as St. Vincent's Hospital and Eastern Health System move forward with a merger.

"Our mission at St. Clair Regional Hospital has not changed," Vick said. "Facilities are number one on our agenda and will continue to be so."

Under merger plans, Seton Health, an affiliate with St. Vincent's, will oversee the operations for both St. Vincent's Hospital and EHS.

But Vick does not foresee any consolidation of services at St. Clair Regional Hospital.

"With mergers there is consolidation of services, but that's generally at the corporate office," Vick said. "With our operations, to this point, there haven't been any changes..."

And he doesn't expect any dramatic changes at St. Clair Regional.

"I think that will be true at all hospitals," he said.

Vick said any changes St. Clair Regional Hospital experiences, will be good changes.

"All in all we're real excited to be a part of the group," he said.

Vick said "basic philosophy issues" are the same for EHS and St. Vincent's, which has made the merger go smoothly.

He said the group cleared a big hurdle last Friday when federal antitrust agencies gave the OK for the merger.

"We're at a point now where we can sit down and work on strategies together," Vick said.

Seton Health will serve as the holding company for the regional health system and will continue as a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest non-profit health system.

Vick said their number one focus is the construction of a new hospital, ideally next to the new Jefferson State Community College, which is currently under construction.

He said with Seton Health onboard, the move could be much easier.

"They bring resources," Vick said about Seton Health. "I'm talking about capital for buildings."

Bob Barnett of Pell City, who serves on the Seton Health Corporation of North America Board of Directors, also believes the merger is beneficial to St. Clair Regional Hospital.

"One thing I'm pushing for is improved facilities over here," said Barnett, who served on the original St. Clair County hospital board and as a board member of EHS, before becoming a board member for Seton Health.

"I think it's going to be great," Barnett said of the merger. "I think it's going to be a real plus for us."

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Courthouse redo, new hospital get support

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The St. Clair County Commission Tuesday unanimously threw its support behind two projects - the proposed new St. Clair County Hospital in Pell City and the renovation of the county courthouse in Ashville.

However, commissioners said both projects still have a way to go before any work begins.

The commission resolution supporting the hospital was tabled in January as discussion of the project continued. The resolution states the new hospital is needed to accommodate the county's growth. The commission also voted to name Chairman Stan Batemon and Commissioners Paul Manning and Jimmy Roberts to work with the county health care authority and the hospital board as plans take shape.

St. Clair Regional Hospital in Pell City is a 36-year-old facility with 35 beds and 80,000 square feet of floor space. The taxpayer-supported health care authority owns the hospital while Ascension Health owns the hospital lease. The commission appoints the authority members. The commission resolution encourages the authority to pursue a new hospital with its own funds.

Manning said he had some questions about the proposed hospital project and still does, but sees it as necessary.

For the courthouse renovation, the commission had two plans submitted by 2WR/ Holmes Wilkins Architects Inc. The commission chose the so-called Option 2, a \$5.7 million plan which would expand the existing 19th century building, adding another courtroom. The plan would also repair the existing building and would include about \$350,000 for furnishings and equipment. Option 1 would have renovated only the existing courthouse at a cost of \$4.4 million.

County officials say the building, erected in 1844, needs more space, new wiring, a better fire alarm system and improvements to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The county's courthouse in Pell City underwent an extensive renovation five years ago.

Last month, the St. Clair County Historical Society gave its support to Option 2. However, Batemon cautioned that the renovation project is still very preliminary, since the \$5.7 million projection was only an estimate by architects with a basic floor plan.

"All we know is that's not a figure we can hang anything on," Batemon said.

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St. Clair's diverse economy a positive sign in recession - Officials see county poised for growth

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Drive around St. Clair County and you can spot signs of growth despite the nation's worst economic slump in decades.

Red Diamond Coffee & Tea Co. opened a new facility in Moody after moving from Birmingham, its home for a century. The project was valued at \$36 million, and the company is expected to eventually have 140 workers.

Also late last year, a former Saks Inc. distribution center that sat empty for a year became the site of a \$10 million production facility for Rain Bird, a California-based sprinkler manufacturer.

A new Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs nursing home is in the design phase near the Pell City campus of Jefferson State Community College just off U.S. 231, a \$48 million project that will create more than 200 jobs.

"We have a diverse economy, from manufacturers like Jenkins Brick and Red Diamond Coffee in Moody to a growing retail base in St. Clair County," said Stan Batemon, chairman of the St. Clair County Commission.

Still, Batemon concedes that the county is not immune to the forces of the economic slowdown.

St. Clair's unemployment rate in December reached 6 percent, up from 3.4 percent a year earlier and the highest level in over five years. Home building activity has dried up, with the number of residential building permits last year dropped to a level 80 percent below 2005, according to Census Bureau figures.

"A lot of my patients who work in construction have lost their jobs," said Dr. Barry Collins, who has operated the Northside Medical general care practice in Pell City for eight years.

Collins thinks St. Clair is faring well despite the economic downturn and is positioned for continued growth. The county saw its population surge by 20 percent between 2000 and 2007.

"Pell City has a lot of potential and has grown tremendously since I was a child," said Collins, a Riverside native. "Its location midway between Birmingham and Anniston has been a draw for those who like being close to a big city, but enjoy the benefits of a small town."

Batemon expects continued growth as well, thanks in part to the efforts of the St. Clair Economic Development Council. The group was formed 10 years ago, after leaders of Pell City and smaller towns decided to unite forces for industrial recruitment. It was led for six years by Ed Gardner Sr. In 2005, his son, Ed Gardner Jr., was lured from his position as assistant economic director in Auburn to replace him.

Since 2006, the council has landed projects valued at \$300 million, bringing in 2,200 new jobs and \$45 million in additional payroll, Gardner Jr. said. Pell City will soon have its first movie theater and a new Comfort Suites hotel in its Bankhead Crossings retail development, which is anchored by a Wal-Mart Supercenter.

A 125-acre expansion of the Cogswell Industrial Park in Pell City is under way and at least three automotive suppliers - WKW Erbsloeh, Oerlikon and CMC Impact Metals - have opened in Pell City over the past five years.

Bruce Kreutzer, plant manager at WKW Erbsloeh, which makes chrome window siding used by the Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance and other automakers, said the company made a good decision when it picked Pell City. The plant has 81 workers, with a goal to have up to 300.

"I've operated plants in other cities and this has as good a work force as any other. It's a good place to be in,"

Kreutzer said.

Spillover

Some say the financial crisis in Jefferson County, which borrowed \$3.2 billion for its sewer system that it can't repay, is complicating efforts by St. Vincent's to build a new hospital in St. Clair. The hospital would replace the current hospital just off U.S. 231.

"The St. Clair County hospital is 40 years old and in need of replacement," said Collins, the doctor in Pell City. Our county is facing challenges in getting bonds to build a new hospital because interest rates have gone up due to the problems in Jefferson County."

Batemon, who has served on the county commission since 1986, said there has been a negative spillover effect from Jefferson County's financial crisis. But he is confident the hospital will be built.

"We feel good about our chances at getting a new hospital," said Batemon, who estimated it would cost \$35 million to \$40 million.

On the other hand, St. Clair has benefited from its proximity to the Honda plant in Talladega County. The factory has 4,500 workers. The average weekly wage in the auto industry in Alabama is \$1,300, much higher than the state's average factory wage.

"Being close to the Honda plant helps as at least 20 percent of their work force lives in St. Clair County," Batemon said.

The influx of higher paying jobs has pushed St. Clair's median household income to \$50,453 as of 2007, slightly below the national average of \$50,740. "Median household income has risen 32 percent in St. Clair County since 1999, while it has risen only 14 percent in the U.S.," said Gardner Jr., the economic development chief.

Batemon said landing a century-old family company like Red Diamond gives St. Clair "credibility" as it recruits new industry.

"A key to our success has been a stable political structure and a willingness to work not just with each other but with surrounding counties," he said, referring to the city of Moody and St. Clair's joint efforts with the city of Leeds to help land the Bass Pro Shop development just off Interstate 20 in Leeds.

Batemon said he realizes that 2009 will be a difficult year, but he is optimistic about St. Clair's prospects.

"Our biggest challenge is to maintain our progress and the quiet, peaceful quality of life people enjoy in the face of tremendous growth," he said.

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Our view: New hospital push is the right path

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Come September, St. Clair Countians may actually know about the fate of the anchor of their health care system — St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital.

A years-long push for a new hospital has taken many a turn over those years, but it appears officials have settled on a course they hope will lead to a new facility.

In recent weeks, the Pell City Council decided to commit \$3 million over time to the proposed project, which will help the hospital's parent company make ends meet in the St. Clair County hospital's first 20 years of operation.

The St. Clair County Commission is assessing how much of a shortfall may occur and is considering Friday possible plans to close the gap.

In September, officials will present final documents to the parent company in hopes of emerging with a final deal to go ahead with building a new hospital in Pell City.

Financial moves by Pell City and St. Clair County are vital, and support is urged. They could be a catalyst for bringing this project to fruition.

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Authority rescinds agreement with contractor for hospital site prep

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Author/Byline: David Atchison St. Clair Times Section: News Readability: >12 grade level (Lexile: 1640)

PELL CITY — Only two weeks after it hired a local contractor to do site work at the new hospital, the St. Clair County Health Care Authority rescinded its construction agreement.

After meeting behind closed doors Tuesday night for more than 20 minutes, the St. Clair County Health Care Authority re-opened its meeting to the public and passed a resolution rescinding its contract with Goodgame Company, Inc.

“Now, therefore, be it resolved by the St. Clair County Health Care Authority as follows,” the resolution passed by the St. Clair County Health Care Authority states. “That the Construction Agreement previously authorized and heretofore entered into on March 9, 2011, by and between the Authority and Goodgame Company, Inc...is hereby rescinded.”

Authority member Lance Bell was the lone board member to vote against the resolution, saying he did not have adequate time to review the new Construction Management Agreement resolution.

In accordance with the original hospital agreement between the Health Care Authority, the St. Clair County Commission, Pell City, St. Vincent's Health System and St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital, Pell City and the St. Clair County Commission were initially responsible for the hospital site work. Two weeks ago, the Health Care Authority passed a resolution to hire Goodgame Company to perform site work.

“Whereas, County and City have determined that neither entity can adequately perform certain items of site preparation and site improvements necessary for the development of the new hospital facility and the medical office building through in-kind services, equipment or labor, and have requested that the St. Clair County Health Care Authority perform those items in accordance with the terms of the Development Agreement, as amended...” the March 9, 2011, resolution states. “Whereas, the St. Clair County Health Care Authority desires to contract with Goodgame Company, Inc., to perform those items of site preparation and site improvement as requested by County and City.”

In accordance with the agreement, Goodgame Company was to complete certain hospital site work at a cost of \$706,130. Now, the St. Clair County Health Care Authority is considering hiring Hoar Construction to complete all the hospital site work at a cost of \$2.3 million.

Authority member Terry Capps said the cost increase was because Goodgame's contract only had 10 work items. Hoar Construction's scope of work consists of 19 work items.

“The Authority has determined that it would be in the Authority's best interest to enter into a Construction Management Agreement with Hoar or such other duly qualified company as the Construction Committee may determine is necessary to coordinate the timely completion of the site preparation items and site improvement items assigned to the Authority so as to avoid any potential claims for additional project costs for delays in the completion of such site work...” the resolution the Authority passed Tuesday states.

Authority attorney John Rea told Authority members that a letter from Hoar Construction poses possible “serious legal claims.”

The Authority meeting was temporarily closed to the public because of discussion of possible litigation. The St. Clair County Health Care Authority is not subject to the state's Open Meetings Act.

Authority member Alan Furr made a motion to have a private session because of possible litigation, and Terry Capps seconded the motion.

Hoar Construction's March 10, 2011, letter signed by Joey Gechijian, the senior project manager, said the deadline for providing water and sewer to the site was Feb. 10, while the deadline for providing electrical service and natural gas is less than two weeks away, April 4.

"The anticipated completion date for the electrical service has now been postponed until April 21, 2011, and the water service is undetermined," the letter states. "Assuming the water and sewer work will be released no later than March 14, 2011, the anticipated completion date for the domestic water tap has now moved to March 18, 2011.

"Once this work is completed, we will evaluate the project schedule and advise the team of any schedule impacts," the March 10 letter states. "It is important that this work be completed so that construction activities that require both conditioned air and electrical service will proceed on schedule and major project delays and additional project costs can be avoided."

Goodgame has partnered with Hoar in building the new St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital, but Jason Goodgame with Goodgame Company, said Wednesday that his company would not participate in the hospital site work.

He said someone needs to have single control of the site work project, and Hoar Construction already has the staff there to move the site work forward quickly.

Goodgame said his company was asked to step away from the site work project and has agreed to do so.

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Caption: Work continues at the construction site of the new St. Clair County hospital. On Tuesday, the St. Clair County Health Care Authority rescinded a construction agreement with Goodgame Company.

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America's News

Ribbon cutting held at new SVSC hospital

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PELL CITY — More than 300 people attended Tuesday's ribbon cutting ceremony for the new St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital.

"With our partners, St. Vincent's is proud to open a state- of- the- art hospital in St. Clair County that will provide this community with compassionate, quality care for years to come," said John O'neil, president and CEO of St. Vincent's Health System. "We've had the dedicated medical staff and associates to make this one of the best rural hospitals in the country and now we have the facility and technology to match it."

Federal, state, county and city representatives attended the long- awaited ribbon cutting ceremony for the hospital, as well as building contractors and hospital associates and officials.

"This has been such an exciting time, an exciting process," O'neil said, adding that the journey was long. "We came together to construct a facility so we could do more."

O'neil said the new hospital will help St. Vincent's Health System, which is a health ministry of Ascension Health, to fulfill its mission to help the poor and vulnerable, as well as serve the entire community.

"We're here to celebrate the opening," said Lawrence Fields, chairman of the St. Clair County Health Care Authority. "It's been a long time coming and, thankfully, we are here."

Fields said construction of the hospital is one of the most "fulfilling projects" he has ever been involved with, "because it is bringing quality health care to the people of St. Clair County. This is one of the most modern rural hospitals in the country."

County Commission Chairman Stan Batemon said he was happy to see the hospital finished and ready to open.

"This started out with a vision," he said. "... I can't think of a better Christmas present to the people of St. Clair County."

At Tuesday's ceremony, Mayor Bill Hereford said the state- of- the- art hospital is on the cutting edge of medicine.

He said a professional health care staff is already in place.

"Now we have a facility to match their great ability," Hereford said. "Today we celebrate a new era of health care in St. Clair County."

Terrell Vick, former CEO of St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital, who served as the chief transition officer for the new hospital, said a unique partnership was formed to make the 79,000 square foot, 40- bed facility.

He said the hospital started with a small seed.

"When you look at this project, it's a state- of- the- art facility," Vick said. "Thank you for a job beyond my imagination. ... We are planting a big seed right here in St. Clair County."

He said the hospital, at 7063 Veterans Parkway, was constructed for future expansions.

"Ninety- five percent of the equipment in the hospital is new," Vick said.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday, there was a reception and tours of the hospital were provided for guests.

Don Smith, executive director of the St. Clair County Economic Development Council, said there were many people involved with making the new hospital a reality.

"We all knew this day was going to happen," Smith said, adding that he expects continued economic prosperity as the new hospital opens.

"This isn't the end," Smith said. "It's just a beginning."

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America's News

THE BRIEFCASE Pell City hospital to get first patients Saturday

Birmingham News (AL) - December 7, 2011

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HEALTH CARE: St. Vincent's Health System officially opened its new St. Vincent's St. Clair hospital with a ceremony and tours on Tuesday.

The new hospital was developed with the cooperation of the St. Clair County Health Care Authority, St. Clair County Commission, City of Pell City, and the St. Clair County Economic Development Council. The 40-bed, 79,000-square-foot hospital will see its first patients Saturday.

"With our partners, St. Vincent's is proud to open a state-of-the-art hospital in St. Clair County that will provide this community with compassionate quality care for years to come," John O'Neil, president and CEO of St. Vincent's Health System, said in prepared remarks. "We've had the dedicated medical staff and associates to make this one of the best rural hospitals in the country, and now we have the facility and technology to match it."

St. Vincent's officials described the facility, at 7063 Veterans Parkway in Pell City, as "one of the most well-equipped rural hospitals in the country."

The new hospital includes an expanded emergency department, all private rooms, new diagnostic imaging equipment, inpatient and outpatient surgery services, and computers at the bedside.

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America's News

New hospital opens Saturday morning - Doors open at 6 a.m. with patients, staff making move throughout the day

St. Clair News Aegis (Pell City, AL) - December 9, 2011

Author/Byline: Ej Vernon, News-Aegis Section: News Readability: 11-12 grade level (Lexile: 1280)

Pell City — Conversations of excitement circled through the crowd of St. Vincent's Health System hospital officials and staff, residents and public officials of St. Clair County witnessed the anticipated ribbon cutting, marking the grand opening of the new medical facility, St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital in Pell City.

The event marked a historic moment for St. Clair County, offering the promise of a holistic approach to cutting edge medical care for years to come.

"This is beyond my imagination," Terrell Vick, Chief Transition Officer for St. Vincent's St. Clair, said about the state-of-the-art facility.

Expected to be one of the best rural hospitals in the country, the 79,000 square-foot hospital contains 40 beds and 95 percent of the equipment is new. The facility is completely digitized and analog is a thing of the past. Modern technology allows for a heightened security to create an unmatched level of safety.

The hospital was designed to be expandable for anticipated future growth. "It is the beginning of a journey to do. We are proud we can do more," John O'Neil, President and CEO of St. Vincent's Health System, said.

Expressing his gratitude and sentiments before the crowd at the grand opening, St. Clair County Commission Chairman Stan Batemon played a recording of the song, "Rainbow Connection" sung by Kermit the Frog, saying, "I predict this is a rainbow connection for healthcare in St. Clair County. I can't imagine a better Christmas gift for the citizens of St. Clair County." Batemon acknowledged the vision, faith and action that came together to make the project possible.

Development of St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital was a collaborative effort between community leaders, elected officials and five development partners, St. Vincent's Health System, the St. Clair County Healthcare Authority, St. Clair County Commission, the City of Pell City and the St. Clair Economic Development Council.

"This is fairly rare for so many groups to come together and accomplish something so quickly," O'Neil said. "People involved in a project often worry about who is going to receive the most credit but not this group. Everyone involved focused on doing what was best to serve the community."

More than 300 donors pledged over \$ 3 million to make this project possible.

"[The development] happened because St. Clair County is a rare, remarkable county that shares faith values," Pell City Mayor Bill Hereford said. "Working together is part of our DNA."

O'Neil compared the development efforts of this project to Alabama football, saying players lose games because they don't have heart. "Without love, it's worthless." O'Neil said the project involved love.

Caption: Operating room staff nurse Patrick Rouss describes the state-of-the-art operating room during a tour at the new St. Vincent's St. Clair. The new hospital, located off I-20 in Pell City will open its doors to patients at 6 a.m. Saturday.

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CLAYTON, DR. HORACE CUNNINGHAM

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CLAYTON, DR. HORACE CUNNINGHAM

Was born in Jefferson County, Alabama March 24, 1922. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Clayton, his sister, Sis Caden, and brothers, Kiki, Prince and Foster.

After graduating from Columbia Military Academy, he attended Vanderbilt University where he achieved the number one position on the tennis team and excelled in baseball and fencing, receiving ten collegiate letters in sports.

Following a three year term of service in the U.S. Army, serving in the medical department overseas, he returned and completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Alabama.

Subsequently realizing his dream was to become a physician, he applied to and was accepted into the Tulane Medical School. While attending Tulane, his schooling was interrupted after his brother, Prince, was killed in an accident. He returned home to operate his brother's dairy farm for one year. He then returned to medical school and earned his M.D. degree from the University of Alabama in 1953 where he graduated AOA being in the top 5% of his class.

After completing a residency at Carraway Medical Center he began his practice in general surgery and medicine in Pell City, Alabama. The energy and enthusiasm with which he served the Pell City community was evident in many ways. Dr. Clayton was known to make house calls, accepting fish, chicken, etc. as payment, never refusing his service to any person in need of medical care. He was instrumental in establishing St. Clair County Hospital, and laying the groundwork for the Pell City Airport. While on the City Council for eight years, he managed to turn the city's two tennis courts into a five court complex, as well as serving as the President of St. Clair Medical Society and Chairman of the County Health Board.

When a passion for flying became one of Dr. Clayton's joys in life-he obtained a pilot's license, followed by instrument and multi-engine ratings. He loved to fly and headed for Pell City Airport at every opportunity when not at work, on the golf course, or playing tennis.

Surviving Dr. Clayton is his wife of 53 years, Joy Alverson Clayton, his three daughters Mary, Rae and Lea, as well as his beloved dog Corky. He is also survived by nieces and nephews Prince Clayton, Jackie Brown, Jimmy Caden, Sally Randall, Edwina Clayton, Johnny Caden, Erin Benson and Mac Clayton.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 19th from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon followed by the service at Usrey Funeral Home, 21271 Highway 231 North, Pell City, Alabama. Dr. Sam Huffstutler will officiate. Pallbearers will be Prince Clayton, Roger Pate, Bobby Burnham, Dr. Johnny Stevens, Dr. Paul Brown, and Danny Abbott.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that gifts be made to any charity of your choice. Condolences may be offered online at:

www.usreyfuneralhome.com.

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St. Clair hospital's first administrator, Sam Jones, was a medical service pioneer

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Section: St Clair Hospital S First Administrator Sam Jones Was A **Readability:** 5-6 grade level (Lexile: 920)

PELL CITY -- Clarence "Sam" Jones, who was the first administrator for the St. Clair Regional Hospital in Pell City, was buried Monday at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery in Trussville.

Jones died suddenly Friday, June 16. He was 81.

"He was a pillar in the community," said Lawrence Fields, who served as Pell City's mayor when Jones oversaw the operation of the regional hospital.

Fields said Jones was involved in the community and cared about the health and welfare of the people. He said Jones pushed to improve medical services for the community.

"He left a great legacy," Fields said.

Jones was named the administrator for St. Clair Regional Hospital in 1969, and served in that capacity until 1991 when he accepted a position with UAB Hospital in Birmingham. He retired there in 1996.

"I worked for him 20-plus years," said Terrell Vick, who eventually became the administrator for the St. Clair County hospital. "I was the finance fellow. He was the true CEO, a great visionary."

Jones hired Vick in 1973. Vick said Jones laid the foundation for the medical services Pell City and St. Clair County now enjoys.

"Sam Jones was a pioneer," Vick said.

Jones was raised in Adger, Ala. He graduated from Hueytown High in 1952. After high school, he served with the 109th Evacuation Hospital Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard. He also served on active duty in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1961.

Jones graduated from Samford University in 1967. He earned a master's degree in Hospital Administration from Georgia State University in 1969 before coming to Pell City to serve as the St. Clair Regional Hospital administrator.

"I respected him so much," said St. Clair County Commission Chairman Paul Manning, who served on the St. Clair County Commission when Jones was the hospital administrator. "Everyone thought the world of him. He represented our county well in the position he held."

Jones' service in the field of healthcare extended beyond the hospital. He served as chairman of the Alabama Hospital Association and on the Boards of Directors of Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System (BREMSS).

"I am so sad to hear of our loss," Manning said. "I cherished our friendship with the Jones family and what they have meant to St. Clair County."

Jones was married to Lila Ann Beasley for 59 years, until his death.

He enjoyed playing golf with his friends and traveling the world with his wife.

Jones was an accomplished pianist and played piano for a gospel quartet group. He was a member of First Baptist

Church, Pell City. He loved Auburn football.

Jones is survived by his wife, Lila, and sons Stan (Donna) and Bill (Karen); grandchildren Andrew, Matthew, Cameron and Alison Jones; and great-granddaughter Emilia Rae Jones; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Bernice, and an infant sister.

Visitation was held Monday at Kilgroe Funeral Home in Pell City, and his burial followed at the Jefferson Memorial Cemetery in Trussville.

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America's News

Second county hospital planned for Pell City

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Planning is under way for a new medical facility, something St. Clair County has not seen for more than 30 years.

That's how long it's been since a new hospital was built in the county, as the first patients were admitted to the then-St. Clair County Hospital in Pell City in 1970. Over the years, more rooms were added, the county government got out of the hospital management business, and the county's population grew all the while.

Though it's been a long time coming, a new place for county residents to receive care is on the way, with the planning phase already in progress.

St. Clair County Healthcare Authority chairman J.B. Martin Jr. said that discussion and negotiations are currently ongoing, with the authority recently requesting a letter of intent from Alabama Health Services, which leases and runs the current St. Clair Regional Hospital.

Martin said the corporation, which has been asked to contribute to the construction of a second hospital, has not acted quickly concerning the proposal despite forming a committee to address the issue.

"They have kept meeting and not doing anything about it," Martin said. "They really have been dragging their feet on this, so we've asked them for a letter of intent.

"We need to get together and decide who the partners are going to be in this thing," Martin said. "We hope to know something soon."

Alabama Health Services CEO Ralph Hall declined comment Wednesday on the corporation's role in a proposed new hospital, citing pending negotiations.

AHS is a subsidiary of Eastern Health Systems, which operates Blount Memorial Hospital and Medical Center East. It is also part of a joint venture with Tenent Corporation, which runs Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham.

AHS pays the authority approximately \$415,000 a year to lease SCRH, money that is invested and used for various health-related projects. The investments bear another \$400,000 per year in income, Martin said.

Currently the authority has slightly more than \$8 million to devote to the construction of a second hospital, Martin said. It also has 9 acres of vacant property next to the St. Clair County Health Department building on 23rd Street North, near Jeannie Pruett Drive and U.S. 231.

The authority may be able to use its land as part of a site for the new hospital. Other land nearby, owned by MAW Properties of Pell City, has also been considered.

"I hope we (the authority) can use the land we already own," Martin said. "We don't need to be buying any more."

Martin said that while not many specifics are yet known about the new facility to be built, he expects a study to begin soon to determine its size and staff needs.

"Everybody knows we need a new health facility," he said. "It's just a question of figuring out exactly what we need."

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America's News

St. Clair Regional Hospital

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Since opening its doors in April 1970, St. Clair Regional Hospital has evolved into a state-of-the-art facility offering a myriad of in-patient and out-patient health services.

The hospital, which is licensed to maintain 82 beds, has added a renal dialysis unit within the past four years. Radiology, along with a full range of diagnostic services, is also offered.

St. Clair Regional also caters to the home health care needs of area residents. The home health care program began in November 1995. and has grown to include nurses making over 1,500 visits per month,." The program services all of St. Clair County with licensed nurses who administer nutritional counseling and occupational and speech therapy services.

St. Clair Regional (formally St. Clair County Hospital) was leased to Alabama Health Services in July 1995. It is affiliated with four other hospitals in the Birmingham metro area: Brookwood Medical Center, Medical Center East, Lloyd Nolan Hospital and Blount Memorial Hospital.

Numerous renovations and additions have already been made at SCRH. Recently renovated were the hospital lobby, gift shop, dining room, patient rooms and the physical therapy department. Also new equipment - \$3.5 million worth - for the hospital has been purchased or will be purchased in the near future.

Among the hospital's active staff of physicians for family practice and internal medicine are Hasmukh Jariwala, M.D.; James J. Matic, M.D.; James M. Tuck, M.D, Maria Evans M.D. and Ronald Helms, M.D..

The pediatricians serving patients at SCRH is Rubina Siddiqui, M.D., and Lilian Lim, M.D., and the anesthesiologist is Maria Faucher.

Other active staff include radiologists D. Constantine Morros and William Varnell and general surgeons Dennis P. Owens, Luis E. Reyes, W. Earle Riley, Thomas C. Strong, and Dr. Alex Aldeane.

On St. Clair Regional's enlarged Outpatient Clinic staff are cardiologists Dr. Vifram Jit Arora, Michael B. Honan, Dr. David Jackson, Dr. William A. H. MacLean and Dr. Harold P. Settle Jr.; gastroenterologists Dr. Joseph L. Cochran, and Dr. Carl Frosina; neurologists Dr. Gregory James and Dr. Robin Newton; orthopedists Dr. Scott Morris, Dr. Carter Slapppy and Dr. Lauren Savage Jr.; and pulmonary practitioners Dr. Maria L. Johnson and Dr. Andrew Wilson.

Dr. George Adams offers urological services, and Dr. Durga Prameela Goli is a specialist in rheumatology. The ophthalmologist is Dr. Mark Bearman. Oncology and chemotherapy are the specialties of Dr. Dice Lineberry, and otolaryngology specialties are available from Dr. Douglas Lowery.

For more information about services available at St. Clair Regional Hospital, call 338-3301. The outpatient clinic may be reached at 884-0434; and information about home health care may be obtained at 884-7202.

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orange for Christmas! He also gave all of his grandchildren a nickname. As for me (Papoose) J.B. Martin, Sr. will always have a special place in my heart. *Submitted by: Teresa Allman Sanders.*
Sources: Amanda Newton Kleiser and James Benjamin Martin, Sr.

Robert Alfonso Martin

Robert Alfonso Martin was born at Plantersville, Dallas County, Alabama 22 July 1877. His parents were John H. Martin and Celia Walker Martin, John was a farmer born Dallas County and Celia was from South Carolina. John H. Martin was the son of Robert M. Martin of North Carolina. The paternal ancestors were Scotch-Irish, both great grandfathers were in the War of the Revolution, the paternal grandfather Martin being a Colonel and the maternal Grandfather Walker being a General. The grandfather, Robert and father, John, were both in the Confederate Army.

Dr. Robert Alfonso (R.A.) Martin was educated in the public schools of Dallas County. He attended Auburn University for a term of two years and graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1901 with a degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. R.A. Martin came to Pell City on January 8, 1903 to begin his lifelong practice of medicine. Dr. Martin began his practice in Pell City. There were no roads in those days and he had to travel by horse and buggy, sometimes even a saddle horse had to be used to visit patients.

Dr. R.A. Martin was energetic and possessed a dream of someday being able to afford the community with better hospital facilities than existed in any comparable size community in Alabama.

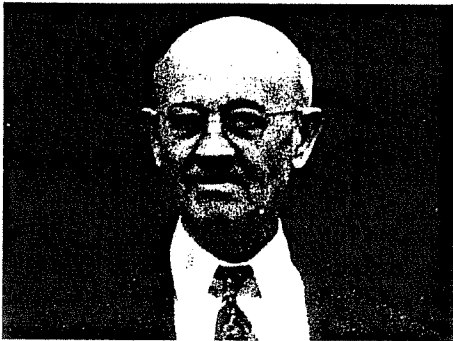
In 1920, Dr. R.A. Martin headed a staff and opened for Avondale Mills the first hospital in Pell City, the Gertrude Comer Hospital. The new

facility allowed Dr. Martin to give care to his patients in a properly equipped center. Before the opening of the hospital, Dr. Martin had to perform operations in his office or in the homes of his patients. Dr. Martin continued his medical practice from the Gertrude Comer Hospital until it closed in January of 1931. Dr. Martin with a determined spirit moved his staff into the upstairs area of the Pell City Drug Store which he owned. There, Dr. Martin set up a six bed facility and continued to give medical attention to those in need.

Dr. Martin purchased the G.W. Hardwick House behind the Pell City Drug Store and began construction on a new hospital facility. He dreamed of even better hospital facilities for his adopted home of Pell City. The Pell City Infirmary, later called the Martin Hospital, was opened by Dr. R.A. Martin in 1933. A unique aspect of the hospital was the fact that it was built without financial assistance from the medical field, health departments or government. Probably the only such hospital in Alabama and possibly the only one in the South financed by one man.

In 1941, a new wing was added to the Infirmary or Martin Hospital to give the area a 42 bed facility. From time to time he improved his hospital by adding new equipment and providing for the community, one of the best hospital units of its size in the State. During his early years of practice in summer months he attended the best medical and surgical centers of the nation. He received post graduate certificates from the following: New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital, Roosevelt Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Society of Lying-In-Hospital, John Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, and post graduate work in Chicago and Cleveland. He kept well astride of the momentous advances and gains made in the medical and scientific world during the first 50 years of this century. His search for knowledge in his chosen field was unceasing.

Aside from his medical practice, Dr. Martin was very much interested in the future of his beloved Pell City. He took a leading and active part in all civic enterprises, was instrumental in the industrial development of this community and gave freely of his time and money in every project designed for the up building and betterment of his home town. Among his fraternal and professional affiliations were: Ben M. Jacobs Masonic Lodge, Shriner Zamora



Dr. R.A. Martin

Temple, Woodmen of the World, American Medical Association, World Medical Association, St. Clair Medical Society and Civitans. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

In 1953, the Pell City Chamber of Commerce sponsored Dr. Martin Day to honor him for fifty years of service to the medical field and the community. A number of distinguished physicians and surgeons from around the State of Alabama attended the ceremony along with hundreds of friends and patients from the area. As a highlight of the day, Dr. Martin was presented with a silver trophy with the inscription, "In honor of Dr. R.A. Martin, a distinguished and progressive citizen, an able physician and surgeon, a benefactor of the unfortunate and underprivileged, commemorating fifty years of service."

Dr. Martin was known for never turning a sufferer away and never refusing to go to see anyone he believed needed his service. He operated in homes when the only light was from a flickering oil lamp and was present at the birth of many babies where the only sterilization came from water heated on a crude stove or over logs of a hot fire. For many years he was the family doctor to thousands of families. Utterly tireless, he was "on call" any hour, day or night. Even in his advanced years when his feet and legs began to give him trouble he went to the sick. During the fifty years in which Dr. Martin gave medical attention to the people of Pell City and surrounding areas he is credited with delivering over 10,000 babies. Hospital records showed that from 1940 until 1953, Dr. Martin treated almost 25,000 medical cases. In the other years here this number could easily reach 100,000 cases he treated in his more than 51 years of practice.

Dr. R.A. Martin a first citizen, successful and efficient physician, and beloved by all people died of coronary thrombosis at Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana on 10 July 1954. He would have been 75 years old had lived until July 22. Business was at a standstill Monday afternoon during the hour of the funeral. Close to 1500 people came to pay a last tribute to him as his body lay in state at the funeral home. Hundreds came to the Methodist Church for the funeral. They followed him to his grave in a spontaneous and impulsive outbursts of love and affection for this tall, handsome man who had served them not only as doctor but as a friend and adviser for man than half a century. His survivors were: his devoted wife Mrs. Mary Martin, one son John H. Martin, and one daughter Mrs. Mary Ruth Kincaid. Also by three grandchildren John H. Martin, Jr., Carolyn Kincaid, and Nancy Kincaid, two great grandchildren Mary Martin and John H. Martin, and two brothers Dr. T.M. Martin and Dr. Claude Martin and one sister Mrs. Melvin Carroll. *Submitted by: Nancy Kincaid Jordan 2422 11th Ave North, Pell City, AL.*

Sources: Notable Men of Alabama, St. Clair News Aegis and Pell City Journal.

John W. Mashburn Family

John W. Mashburn and Clifford E. Mashburn moved from Adairsville, Georgia to St. Clair County, Alabama on December 28, 1919. They bought the Mashburn farm in Beaver Valley and lived there until 1934 when John died and Clifford bought his father's part of the farm.

John, his wife Mary and children Mae, Clay and Clifford, along with Clifford's wife and their seven week old baby Rachel made the trip to Alabama in a Model T. Ford. The farm equipment, hay, corn and oats were moved on three wagons. This was a three day trip. The furniture was shipped by train to Odenville, Alabama.

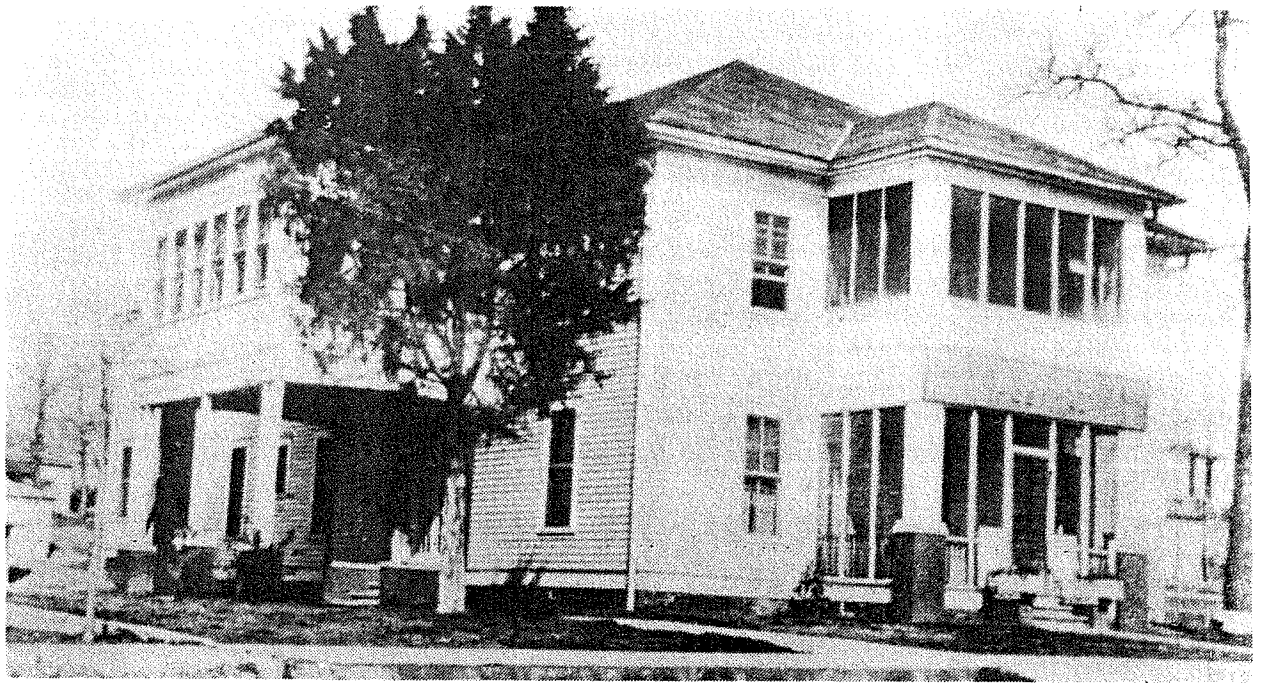
Clifford Earnest Mashburn was born November 29, 1900, and died November 11, 1982. His wife, Stella Irene Thomas was born April 18, 1901, and died April 4, 1971. They were the parents of Rachel Irene, born November 8, 1919; Geneva Beatrice, born July 1922; Clifford Leonard, born October 30, 1924; Mary Alice born May 28, 1929; Billy Harold born July 21, 1932; and Kenneth Wayne, born October 22, 1938.

Rachel Irene Mashburn married James Hugh Thompson, son of Hugh and Lela Thompson, on December 25, 1937. Children of James Hugh and Rachel are Julia Ann, Marvin Stanley, James Stevie, Sandra Marie and Carey Michael Dewitt.

Julia Ann married William J. Harwell, Children are Douglas Keith, Sharon Ann Harwell Terry and Tracy Leigh Harwell Langner.

Marvin Stanley married Sharon Vest. Their children are Stanley Kirk, John Wayne, Phillip Hugh and Ashley Kay. Marvin Stanley's second marriage was to Doris Nolin.

James Stevie married Linda Rose Trousdale. Their children are James Robert and Christina Rose Michelle. Stevie's second marriage was to Debbie Giles. They have a son Benjamin.



GERTRUDE COMER HOSPITAL—The first hospital in Pell City was Gertrude Comer Hospital. It was supported by Avondale Mills. Dr. Martin was head of the medical staff and Miss Elsie Dunn was head of the nursing staff.

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Highway 78 East, Riverside, Al. **338-7420**



On the right: A photograph of Pell City's historic Rexall Drug Store. The store opened in 1903. While the building no longer houses a pharmacy, the building still serves as an important community meeting place as a restaurant.

Above: A photograph of the Pell City Hospital run by Dr. R.A. Martin. Appearing in the photograph were many children delivered by Dr. Martin. In the photograph are: Blondene Alverson and son Jimmy, Sara Jane Whitten and daughter Joanne, Sue Skelton and Robert Wayne, Bertie Mae Bain and son Terry, Lucille Stewart and daughter, Dot Meehan and son Carlton, Gertrude Gallups and son Bobby, Kathleen Selly and daughter, Mrs. Luker and child, Ollie Hollis Chatman and son, Mrs. Davis and daughter and twin sons Harland and Garland, Mrs. Herring and child, Ruth Drummonds, Ms. Sykes and son Raymond, Martha Joe Jackson Hill, Sandra Stokes, Charlotte Stokes and Jimmie Lott.

**ST. CLAIR
COUNTY HOSPITAL**

PELL CITY, ALABAMA



Patient Information

YOU AND YOUR HOSPITAL

St. Clair County Hospital was opened to patients in 1970. The hospital has two floors with 70 beds and all supporting patient facilities.

Rooms are assigned prior to admission. Patient rooms are furnished with all-electric hi-lo beds and patient-nurse communications system. Televisions and telephones are available for all patients.

Each room is furnished with all necessary items for a hospitalized patient. Wardrobe units are built in and each room is conveniently located to bath facilities which are equipped with shower and emergency call system.

Oxygen lines from a central source are piped into each room. All rooms are heated and cooled through a unit which provides temperature control for the patient's comfort.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOSPITAL

is a member of:

THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
THE ALABAMA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

is licensed by:

THE ALABAMA STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

has been approved by:

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND
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WELCOME

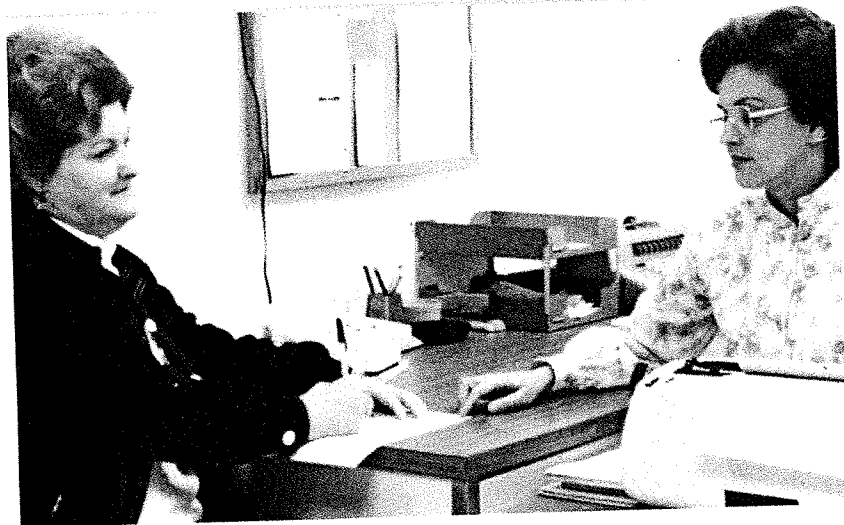
On behalf of the governing board, medical staff, and all of the hospital personnel, I wish to extend to you a warm and cordial welcome to St. Clair County Hospital. We share with you a mutual desire—to see you restored to health in a comfortable, friendly, and professional environment.

Our staff is comprised of scores of people joined together as a team to provide for your comfort and well-being. Although you may never meet many of these people during your visit, rest assured they are combining their efforts to meet your every need and thus merit your full approval. We hope you will feel the warmth and friendliness of our staff—indeed, the very heart of the hospital!

This informational booklet is presented to you to answer many of your questions regarding our services. We will be happy to answer any additional questions, and welcome your candid suggestions for enhancing our service to you.

We wish for you a speedy and complete recovery.

C. M. Jones
Administrator



ABOUT YOUR HOSPITALIZATION

PREADMISSION

You as a patient can save a great deal of time upon your arrival at the hospital if you have been preadmitted. This can be accomplished by calling the hospital admitting office or coming by the office prior to your date of admission.

ADMISSION

Patients are admitted to the hospital only upon the orders of a member of the hospital's medical staff. Reservations are made by the physician. The patient is asked to report to the hospital for admission NOT LATER than 3:00 p.m. in order to receive initial medications or treatment as well as giving the dietary department time to prepare your meal.

REGISTRATION

When you arrive at the hospital, please go to the admitting office where you will be asked to supply the information necessary for the hospital record. (If preadmitted, a minimum amount of information will be required.) This is essential to ensure proper care while you are our patient. You may be assured that this information is held in strictest confidence. If you do not feel well enough to supply this information before being taken to your room, a member of your family may answer these questions for you. **YOU MUST BE ADMITTED BY THE ADMITTING OFFICE BEFORE YOU ARE PUT TO BED.**

PERMIT FOR SURGERY

For the protection of the patient and the hospital, the hospital requires each patient (or member of his family who is of legal age if the patient is under 21) to sign a written consent for an operation to be performed.



FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

At the time of your admission, you or your representative may be required to make a deposit. Be sure to bring your policy or any other pertinent identification.

Hospital insurance plans do not normally provide full coverage of your hospital bill. **Your hospitalization coverage is a contract between you and your insurance company. We will cooperate to the fullest in expediting your claim, but you are responsible for your account.** Final payment or assignment of sufficient insurance benefits is required at time of discharge.

If you anticipate difficulty concerning the financing of your hospitalization, we urge you to consult our business manager immediately so that we can assist you in making arrangements.

MEDICARE

Medicare patients must present their card and health insurance number. They will be required to pay the standard deduction upon admission. This deduction is set by the United States Government. Medicare bills will be handled in accordance with current regulations.

DOCTORS' FEES

Your hospital bill does **not** include your attending physician's fees or consultants' fees. Each will bill you separately for services rendered.

INSURANCE CLAIMS

As a service to the patient, we process all insurance claims at no charge.

If receipts from insurance companies overpay your account, you will receive a check for this overpayment.



GENERAL INFORMATION

GOVERNING BOARD

The hospital is operated by a board of trustees whose only remuneration is the feeling that they have provided a service to you and the community. They are dedicated to provide you with the best medical care available at the lowest cost to you.

MEDICAL CARE

Your physician, a member of a carefully selected, highly qualified hospital medical staff, is responsible for your clinical treatment while you are here as a patient. Your physician will make the necessary arrangements for laboratory examinations, drugs, diets, and other special treatments. Your physician's charge for professional services is separate from that made by the hospital.

NURSING CARE

The nursing personnel of the hospital will provide you with safe and effective care through the medium of good nursing. Your nursing care is planned and provided by a staff of professional registered nurses under the guidance of your physician. The licensed practical nurse, nursing aide, and orderly are also members of the nursing team working directly under the supervision of a registered nurse.

PRIVATE DUTY NURSES

Private duty nurses are assigned at the request of your physician. Since they are not employees of the hospital, their fees should be paid directly to them.

If your physician orders private duty nurses, they are to be contacted through the nursing service. Outside nurses may not practice in our hospital without the approval of our nursing service.

MAIL AND FLOWERS

Mail and flowers will be delivered to your room. Mail received after you have been discharged will be forwarded to your home address.

CLERGYMEN

Ministers from the area visit the hospital daily and are deeply interested in your spiritual welfare. Upon request, the nurse will call a clergyman of your choice.

CHAPEL

A chapel is provided by the hospital for the patient or family who may wish consultation with their minister.

FAMILY ROOM

A family waiting room is provided for the families of those in surgery.

VALUABLES

It is strongly urged that you leave valuables at home or send them home by members of your family. If that is not possible, you may deposit such items in the hospital safe. Under no circumstances will the

hospital be responsible for money and other valuables kept in your room.

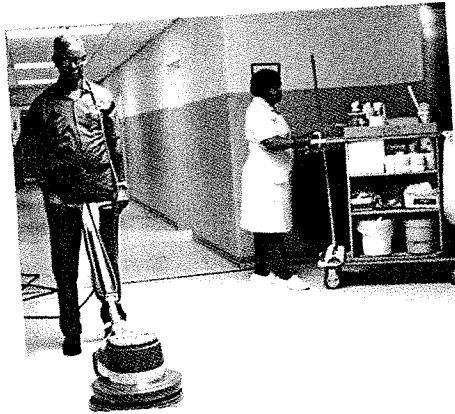
When dentures and eyeglasses are not in use, they should be placed in your bedside cabinet. A container will be provided for the storage of dentures. The hospital is not responsible for the breakage or loss of such items.

DIETARY

Your diet is prescribed by your physician. Special diets are prepared for each patient according to his doctor's orders. The dietitian often confers personally with patients.

TELEPHONE

A public telephone is located in the lobby for patient and visitor use.



BEDSIDE INFORMATION

A few simple rules are designed to add to your comfort and that of your fellow patients, and we hope you will observe them.

Please do not question nurses regarding other patients. Each patient's record is held in strict confidence by the hospital and it is a violation of the patient's privacy to divulge information concerning him.

We request that you not smoke in bed. **PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE IN BED AFTER 9:00 P.M.** Do not smoke after you have been given sleeping pills or other sedatives or when oxygen is being used in your room.

At any time oxygen is ordered continuously or intermittently, the family is to take all matches, cigarette lighters, cigarettes, cigars, etc., home.

Although you may feel well enough to walk about, please do not leave your floor without permission. Do not visit in other patients' rooms as they may be disturbed by visitors. Always wear housecoats or robes when in the hospital halls.

So that other patients may not be disturbed, please turn your radio and television on low. Please use your **NURSE CALL** for any calls to the nurses' station. Do not ask your visitors to go to the nurses' station.

We request that you not tape greeting cards on the walls of your room.

The hospital furnishes all pillows, covers, and linen. Please do not bring these items. Do not bring folding chairs, lounges, cots, or any electrical appliances (TV's, coffeepots, etc.) from home. The hospital's liability covers only items furnished by the hospital.

It is not advisable for you to keep money or other valuables in your room. Should you require surgery, all jewelry must be given to a family member or responsible person until you are awake. The hospital cannot be responsible for money or other valuables kept in your room.

When not in use, please place dentures, eyeglasses, hair-pieces, or similar articles in protective containers. The hospital cannot be responsible for damage or loss of such articles.



VISITING PRIVILEGES

Rest is an important part of your treatment. On the other hand, having a **limited** number of visitors is part of your therapy, too. It is the responsibility of the hospital to regulate the hours you may have visitors so that you may receive the best care.

Your visitors will be asked to observe these regulations.

We ask that all visitors obtain permission before visiting.

VISITING HOURS

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Maternity

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE—

- No more than two visitors per patient at one time.
- Visitors under 12 years of age are not permitted.
- Visits should be limited to 15 minutes.
- Observe all "NO SMOKING" signs.
- Visitors and patients are asked to speak quietly and to avoid unnecessary noise.
- Food and refreshments may not be given to a patient without consent of the attending physician or nursing supervisor.
- Visitors should leave the room promptly when treatment is being given.
- Patients must not have visitors after 8:30 p.m.

THE ABC'S OF VISITING

- A** Abstain from smoking
Ask the nurse's permission before bringing food to the patient.
Acquaint yourself with visiting hours and regulations.
- B** Be brief; watch the clock—long visits tire the patient.
Be cheerful, calm, and optimistic.
Be as quiet as possible.
- C** Cooperate with the nurse and follow her requests and suggestions.
Consider the illness of other patients in the hospital.
Cancel your visit if you have a cold or any infectious disease.

Remember—visits should be enjoyed, not endured!

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

PATHOLOGY (Laboratory)

Under the direct supervision of a pathologist, a physician with specialized education in pathology and laboratory methods, all routine laboratory examinations are closely scrutinized for accurate results. When your physician orders a laboratory test, a medical technologist will come to your room for a specimen. Most specimens are collected early in the morning before the patient eats breakfast, and some patients will be requested not to eat until after their blood has been drawn. Every effort is made to minimize the number of specimens drawn; however, some tests may require multiple specimens.

RADIOLOGY (X-ray)

The X-ray department is under the professional direction of a radiologist who, as a medical specialist, performs special examinations and treatments and interprets films which are taken by registered technicians. He assists your doctor in your diagnosis. All X-ray examinations are accomplished only at the request of your attending physician and upon his orders. The results of these examinations are reported to your physician.

SURGERY

The surgery department is staffed 24 hours a day to provide for elective and emergency surgical procedures. Personnel are well qualified to operate the most technical as well as the simplest type of surgical equipment and instruments.

RECOVERY ROOM

One of the facilities in today's modern hospital is the recovery room. Patients are taken to this room following surgery so that they may receive constant expert care by the nursing and anesthesia staffs until they can be returned to their rooms. If you are going to surgery, it would be well to tell your family of this additional specialized care since it will mean a delay in your return to your room.

PHARMACY

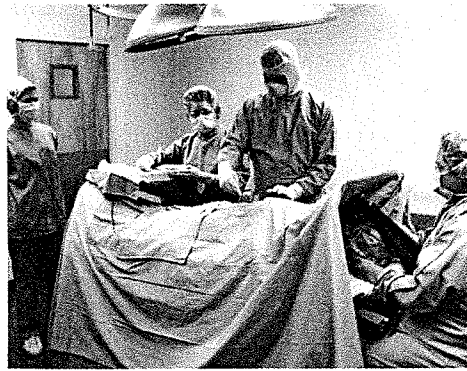
The hospital maintains a well-stocked pharmacy to fill prescriptions ordered by your doctor while you are here as a patient. The pharmacy is under the direction of a registered pharmacist. Take-home drugs cannot be supplied.

EMERGENCY SERVICE

The hospital has fully equipped emergency rooms which are staffed 24 hours a day.

MEDICAL RECORDS

Under the direction of a medical records director, the medical records department maintains a detailed and complete medical record for the current and future reference of the patient's physician. The content of this record will not be disclosed to any third party except by your written authorization and that of your physician or by court order.



SERVICES AND FACILITIES (continued)



RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Trained personnel administer respiratory treatments, oxygen, and mixtures of gases to restore and maintain proper lung and coronary function. All treatments for respiratory diseases or heart conditions are given by the order of the attending physician.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

For patients who need physical medicine, the hospital maintains a physical therapy department. Patients recovering from crippling diseases and accidents are rehabilitated in this department. You will have a trained physical therapist render treatment under the direction of your personal physician.

ECG

The electrocardiography service is a diagnostic tool which measures the function of the heart to determine its efficiency and soundness.

NURSERY

Babies are cared for by nursing personnel especially trained in the care of newborns.

BLOOD BANK

The blood bank is operated as a service to you. The charge appearing on your hospital bill is a service charge to cover the cost of equipment used in the transfusion and the laboratory work required to ensure safe, compatible blood. Relatives and friends are encouraged to replace this blood.

AUXILIARY

Working beside our highly skilled hospital personnel are the members of our auxiliary. These devoted "Pink Ladies" donate their time and energy to making your stay as pleasant as possible. They perform tasks which lighten the load of professional staff members. They provide some of the optional services for your convenience and comfort, and they also raise funds for the purchase of equipment and facilities not otherwise provided by the hospital.

Candy Strippers, teenage volunteers, perform nonprofessional duties on several nursing units during the busy evening visiting hours.



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE

More demands are being made for specialized equipment as a result of new procedures. In keeping pace with new and modern trends of medical practices, hospitals must constantly modernize their buildings and equipment. Charges to patients do not provide a sufficient margin to completely pay for the replacement and improvement of these facilities. For these reasons, the hospital is dependent upon the support of individuals, organizations, and business firms in the community who understand and accept the responsibility of maintaining the best in hospital facilities.

St. Clair County Hospital is approved by the Federal Government as a charitable organization; therefore, gifts are deductible for tax purposes.

Gifts, donations, and bequests are always needed for replacement of equipment and expansion of facilities. Such gifts are accepted by the board of trustees with a pledge to use them for the benefit of all. Those interested in contributing may obtain further information by calling or writing the administrator's office.





GOING HOME

DISMISSAL FROM THE HOSPITAL

There are four easy steps in dismissal from the hospital:

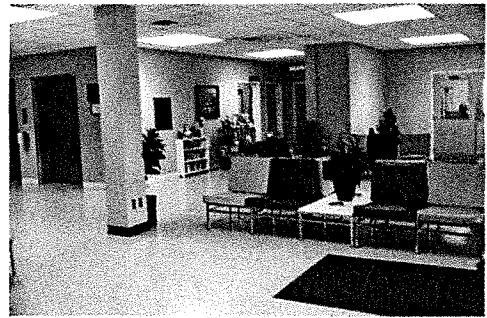
1. Your physician will write a dismissal order on your chart.
2. He will probably discuss your release with you. Otherwise, one of the nurses will inform you.
3. Either you, a relative, or friend should go to the business office. When the account has been settled in full by cash payment, insurance confirmation, or special arrangement, an official release will be given you.
4. When this has been given to one of the nurses, you are ready to go home.

CHECKOUT TIME PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M.

Checkout time has been established as 3:00 p.m. Those leaving after that time will be charged an additional service charge.

A complete statement of your hospital charges will be mailed following your dismissal. Medicaid patients do not receive a copy of their hospital charges since they are filed with the state.

If you should have any questions about your bill or any charge on your bill after going home, please do not hesitate to call upon us for clarification.



ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOSPITAL

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Hospital Plans Show Progress

Plans for St. Clair county's Hill-Burton Hospital have progressed to the point where it is expected that building bids will be taken sometime in September.

Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton said this week that the architects making plans for the building were making real progress. The probate judge and all members the Commissioners Court, Charles Williams, J. B. Walters, H. N. Mize and Clyde Morrow, will go to Alexander City, Gunterville, and Selma to inspect Hill-Burton hospital in the three cities with a view to making final recommendations to the architects. Dr. John Haynes, coordinator for the St. Clair County Medical Society and the commissioners court, has been invited to make the trip with the county officials.

Survey has been completed for a new street which will be the entrance to the new facility. The entrance street will connect with highway 231 near the cloverleaf on interstate 20 and connect on the other end of the new street with Comer avenue and on to the old Coal City road. Work is expected to get started on the new street in a short time.

Judge Hamilton also said the county commissioners had applied for additional Hill-Burton funds in the amount of \$382,667. This will be in addition to the \$750,000 grant received a short time ago. In addition another \$250,000 grant will be applied for from the Appalachian fund. Total cost of the Pell City hospital is to be approximately \$2,013,000. Total cost to St. Clair county is expected

to be approximately \$633,333.00. Remainder of the Money will come from state and federal funds.

The St. Clair hospital will be built on a tract of land purchased from the estate of the late Dr. R. A. Martin, on the southeast corner of highway 231 and interstate 20.

The hospital will be modern in every respect, completely staffed with doctors and nurses and modern equipment. Original capacity will be 68 beds with the building being designed so that it can be expanded when necessary.

No one can estimate the exact time of completion, but construction is expected to take about one year, possibly slightly less.

Plans For New County Hospital Progressing

Plans for St. Clair's new Hill-Burton Hospital were a step nearer reality this week with the completion of the land sale.

Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton said he had received the deeds from John H. Martin, attorney for the estate of the late Dr. R. A. Martin.

Containing between 13 and 14 acres the site of the new hospital will be the southeast corner of the intersection of Interstate highway 20 and highway 231.

Site of the street connecting highway 231 with the hospital has been surveyed and work of grading and finishing the connecting street is expected to start in a short time. Timber clearing on the area is underway now.

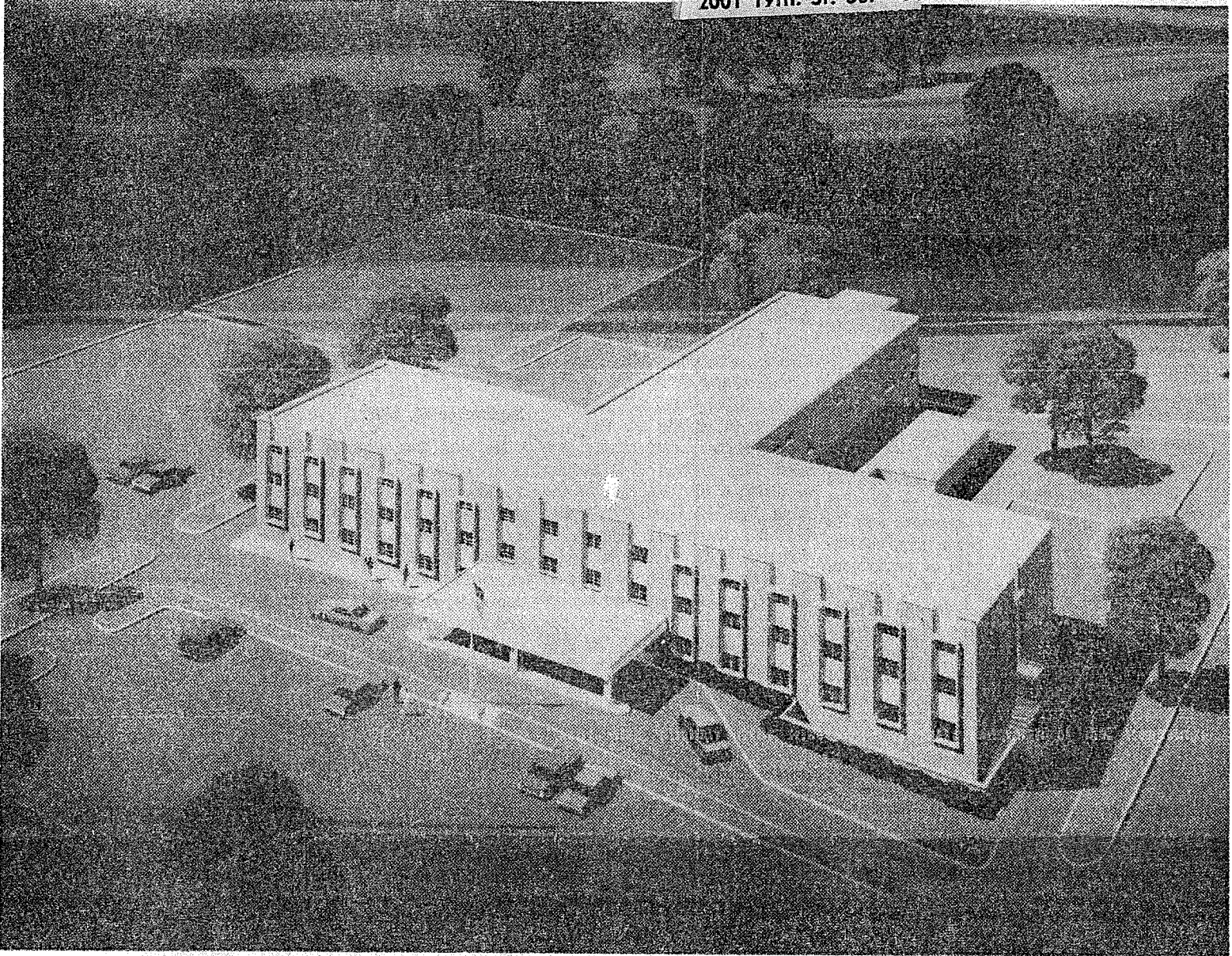
Hospital planners had hoped to obtain an access street to the hospital from both Interstate 20 and highway 231, completing a semi-circle around the hospital but federal highway authori-

ties refused permission for an exit from Interstate 20. As a result the exit will be from highway 231 a short distance south of the viaduct over Interstate 20.

A representative of Paul Hager and Associates, architects for the hospital, told the News-Aegis this week they hoped to have the plans completed and be ready to take construction bids the latter part of September or early October.

It has been established that 10 months to a year will be required for completion after building gets started.

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NEW ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL AS IT WILL LOOK ON COMPLETION

Above is picture of architects drawing of new St. Clair Hospital to be located in the north section of Pell City. Exact location will be on land bordered on the north by Interstate highway I-20 and on the west by highway 231. The building will be of four-story construction including the basement. The archi-

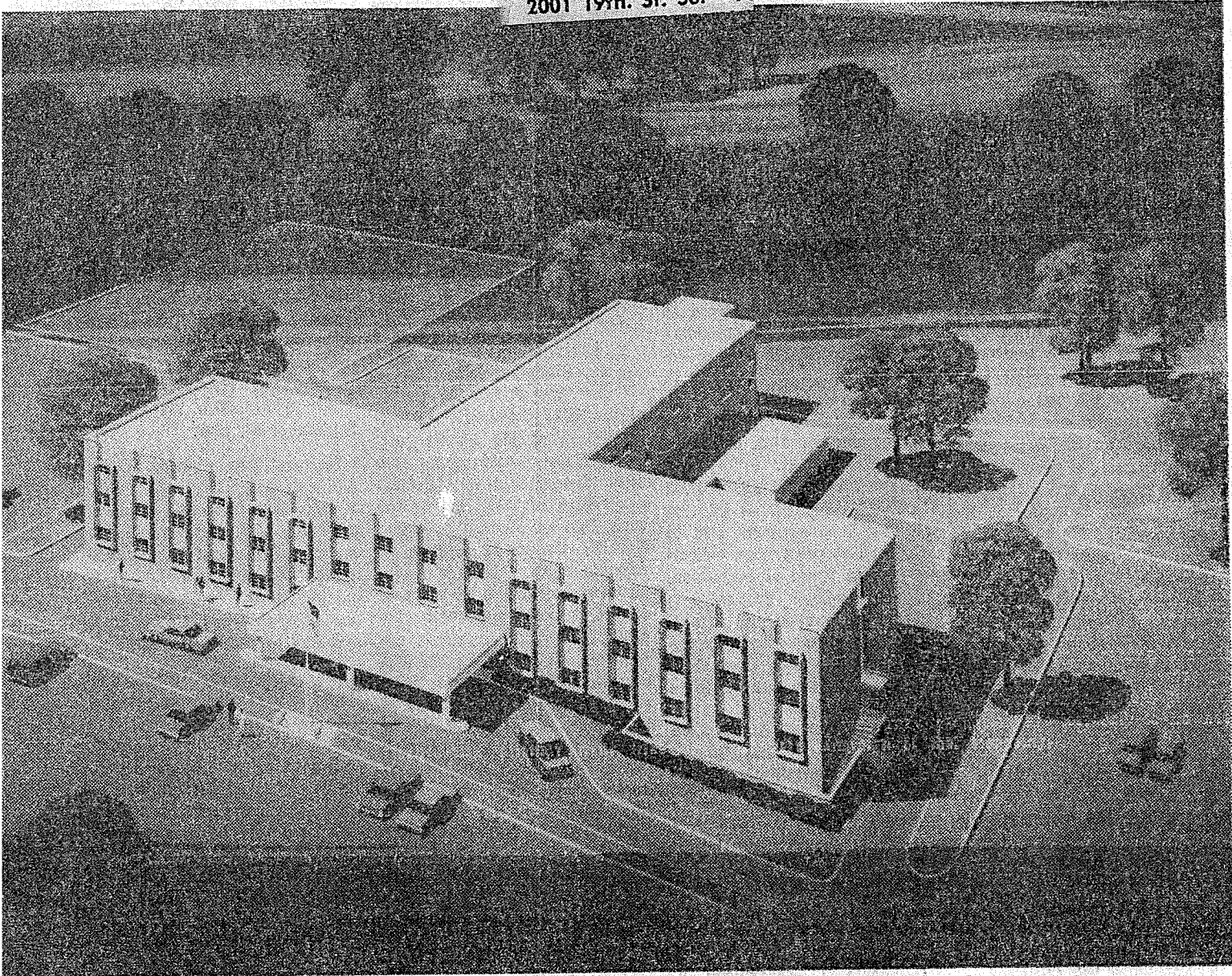
tectural firm of Paul Hager and Associates, Birmingham, are making plans and specifications for the building. Plans have been made so that a 5th story can be added when necessary. Architects expect to have all plans ready and start legal advertising for construction bids by November 1. They hope to

let construction contract about the middle of December with actual building to get underway shortly after the first of the year. Completion of the work is expected to take between 18 and 20 months. The hospital is to be financed with Hill-Burton, county and state funds. Cost is to be over

\$2 million. The hospital is to be modern in every respect with all necessary equipment. Beds will be provided for 68 patients and with additional construction other beds can be added. Entrance to the building will be from highway 231. Timber from the 13 to 14 acre area bought

for the site and construction leading from the street. Construction of the hospital will be done by the contractor. The hospital will have complete street.

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for the site has been cleared and construction on the street leading from highway 231 is to be started in a short time. Construction of the street will be done by the State Highway Department. County engineers have completed a survey of the street.

GOV. BREWER SPEAKER— Cornerstone Laying At St. Clair Hospital Saturday

If good weather prevails a large crowd of interested St. Clair people as well as state and county notables are expected to attend the Cornerstone laying ceremony at the St. Clair County Hospital site at Pell City Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

In case of rain or extremely cold weather the program will be transferred to the Pell City Courthouse.

Governor Albert Brewer will be the main speaker for the occasion. Other invited guests include U. S. Senator Lister Hill who was responsible more than any other individual for passing the Hill-Burton Hospital Building act through the Congress. Under this act a large number of Hill-Burton hospitals have been constructed in every section of the nation.

Other notables invited are Senator John Sparkman, Congressman Bill Nichols of the Fourth Congressional District, U. S. Senator-elect Jim Allen of Gadsden, Dr. Ira L. Myers, state health officer and Clay Dean, director state health facilities construction.

The hospital is financed by a special tax voted by the people of St. Clair County and federal and state funds. The hospital building is well underway, has a full basement and three above ground stories. Building and equipment will cost slightly over \$2 million. Pierce, Demoss and King, Decatur, are the builders. Paul Hager and Associates, Birmingham, are the architects. The building is to be

modern in every respect with the very best equipment that can be bought installed. The cornerstone laying will mark a big step forward in construction of this much needed health facility in St. Clair and Judge Hoyt Hamilton urges everyone who possibly can to attend and see the progress that has been made.

Members the St. Clair County Commissioners Court and the Board of Governors of the Hospital are co-sponsoring the program. Members of the Commissioners Court are in addition to Judge Hamilton, H. N. Mize, Clyde Morrow, J. B. Walters and Charles Williams.

Harold King, Pell City, is chairman of the Board of Governors. Ed Borders, Ragland is vice chairman, J. T. Newman, Ashville, treasurer, H. L. Eubanks, Pell City, secretary, and J. B. Martin Jr., Springville, Edmund Blair, Pell City, Bobby Pinkston, Ragland, Ben Buttram, Springville, and Wade Roper, Moody. Judge Hamilton is an ex-officio member.

Dr. Austin F. Staples, Jr., Pastor Pell City's First Baptist, will deliver the invocation and Rev. W. L. Cole, Pastor, Pell City's First Methodist, will say the benediction.

Thursday, February 10, 1994

Talladega-Sylacauga-Pell City, Alabama

St. Clair hospital staff excited ab

By Cindy Warner
Home staff writer

Workers at St. Clair Regional Hospital are excited about the hospital's possible merger with Birmingham's university hospitals, said Interim Administrator Denise Hamilton.

Hamilton, who is the assistant director of financial management at UAB, has been at St. Clair Regional since August, and says the merger is a good idea.

"From the viewpoint of St. Clair Regional and from UAB it is a good fit for both entities," she said.

With health care reform looming in the future, Healthcare Authority Chairman J.B. Martin said he, too, feels that an official affiliation with

UAB is the only thing that will help St. Clair Regional stay afloat.

An Authority meeting was held Thursday to discuss the possible merger, and committee was created to discuss the issue in more detail.

The authority's executive committee — Martin, Frank Riddle, Louise Martin, Aubrey Watson and Bill Fox — will serve on the committee to discuss the merger. Martin said Dr. John Haynes and Dr. Bill McClanahan will also be asked to serve.

Some of the issues discussed at the initial meeting were the financial investment UAB might be willing to put in to help upgrade hospital facilities and how UAB could help with physician recruitment.

Ms. Hamilton said with the eight-

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Interim Admin

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But a formal affiliation, she said, would give St. Clair more credibility.

If UAB does agree to a formal affiliation, it might be willing to make a financial investment toward a facility upgrade, she said.

Martin said he isn't sure might be willing to help needed improvements, but the most important things that need to be done are expanding the Emergency Department and converting semi-private to private rooms.

In the area of physician recruitment, Hamilton and Martin

Staff excited about possible merger

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management agreement UAB with St. Clair Regional, UAB already has helped some in those areas. "Without a formal affiliation, she said, UAB would give St. Clair more credibility. If UAB does agree to a formal affiliation, it might be willing to make a financial investment toward a facility upgrade, she said.

Martin said he isn't sure how UAB might be willing to help with the needed improvements, but he said the most important things that would need to be done are expanding and improving the Emergency Room and converting semi-private rooms into private rooms.

In the area of physician recruitment, Hamilton and Martin agree that

along with the credibility factor, an affiliation with UAB could bring UAB doctors who are completing residencies to St. Clair Regional.

"We could rotate our residents," Mrs. Hamilton said. "We could bring them to St. Clair Regional to give them a background in rural practice and encourage their location into a rural environment."

The biggest factor behind their support of the affiliation is the issue of health care reform.

"And I am not talking about legislative reform," Mrs. Hamilton said. "I am talking about what is coming, regardless of whether the first bill is passed. Health care has been forced to take on the role of managed care all across the country and that is already happening."

Health care for the future will concentrate on providing the care and the most affordable cost, Mrs. Hamilton said.

The hospitals and the insurance companies will be forced to form systems in order to control the cost and smaller hospitals will simply be left behind if they aren't affiliated with that system, she said.

"That is another area where UAB will be able to help because they have stayed abreast of health care reform issues, and they will be able to help keep St. Clair Regional informed," she said.

Could St. Clair Regional make it on its own in the face of health care reform?

"I can't see any hospital this size making it on their own," she said.

citizens, contributing much to the welfare of his fellow townsmen. He established Pell City Drug Co. and Pell City Infirmary. His younger brother, Dr. Claude Martin, was the town's first dentist.

The town's first hospital was the Gertrude Comer Hospital, which was sustained by Avondale Mills. It began operation soon after the mill was purchased by the Comers. Dr. Martin was head of the medical staff, and Miss Elsie Dunn was head of nursing services. It was under these two people that Miss Ruby Zackie, St. Clair County Health Nurse, received her training. The St. Clair Memorial Hospital, which is supported by county taxes, is located in Pell City, and it is said to be one of the best equipped small hospitals in the state.

When Pell City became a branch county seat for St. Clair County, prominent lawyers came to make their homes here. W.A. Starnes, whose wife was Selma Eaton, was one of the first and one of the best. His eldest son, Thurston, returned to practice here after receiving his law degree. M.M. Smith, who came from Ashville in 1903, was an able attorney, and his son, Victor, also practiced law in Pell City. Frank B. Embry came as a young lawyer and has given his time and energy in many civic and religious activities. Charlie P. Pratt, McLane Tilton, and Gardner Greene were all practicing attorneys.

One of the oldest business establishments in the town is Pell City Hardware Co., organized in 1904 with John W. Moore as president, and R.M. Alverson, Claude Alverson, and Hardie Cornett as the associate members of the firm. C.O. Lacy has owned the store since 1961.

Kilgroe Funeral Home was begun in 1908 by Thomas J. Abbott. The only requirements for directing funerals at this date in history were a stock of caskets, a horse-drawn hearse, a bier, and a pair of hand strips with which to lower the casket into the grave. Mr. Abbott, known locally as Uncle Tom, was most enthusiastic about his new venture. He directed his first funeral at Eden and found it to be a devastating experience. He at once came to the conclusion that this was not for him. When he reached home, he paced the floor for an hour, pausing occasionally to scrub his hands. His wife and her brother, J.H. Willingham, were partners in his business. Finally he said to them, "If you want this

Josephine Bukacke, owned and operated a very unique antique business in Pell City. They were both considered authorities on antiques, and their place, which is an authentic reproduction of an old Williamsburg shop, has patrons from throughout the United States.

During World War I, only one other town in the United States furnished more soldiers and subscribed more for liberty bonds in proportion to population, than Pell City. It was from St. Clair County that Captain Gardner Greene and 50 men went with Company C of Alabama's famous 167th Infantry Regiment as a unit of the Rainbow Division. Of the 263 men in Company C, only 51 returned. Captain Greene was one of those who were killed. On July 4, 1927, at "Good Neighbor Day," a granite monument honoring St. Clair County's soldiers who fought in World War I and the Spanish-American War, was unveiled. Miss Mary Ashley Greene, only child of Gardner Greene, unveiled the memorial.

It is not possible to write of all the memorable people who make the Pell City store one of universal interest. Some distinguished, good solid citizens must of necessity be left out. The story would indeed be incomplete, however, without mention of Colonel Napoleon Bonaparte Spears, for he was one of Pell City's most colorful citizens. He was born in Tennessee in 1848 and was educated at Emory and Henry College, in Emory, Virginia. When he was 21, he was admitted to the Tennessee bar and elected to the Tennessee

later declared unconstitutional — for the establishment of a branch county seat in Pell City. He was also at one time mayor of the town. Colonel Spears was married to Florence Eugenia Mitchell, and they were the parents of three daughters: Hortense, Eugenia, and Pratt Spears.

Another unforgettable pioneer was James L. Garrett. He came with his wife, Sally Hindsman Garrett, to Pell City in 1905. He was a great politician. He was a Populist, and when that party ceased to exist, he did not return to the Democratic Party, but became a Republican. He served 18 years (three terms) as circuit clerk of St. Clair County. Mr. Garrett was a Baptist lay leader. He loved all-day singings and singing conventions — especially the sacred harp singers. In years gone by, Mr. Garrett, James Ragland, Leroy Truitt, Austin Hazelwood, and Lester Smith sang together. Mr. Garrett's daughter, Mrs. Eula Garrett Vinson, was their accompanist.

Another of Pell City's best remembered citizens was Solomon Davis Kilgroe, who was born in 1861. He loved the land and thought every individual should own a bit of it in order to be a good citizen. At the time of his death he owned and operated 19 small farms. His life did not lack variety, as he was an active member of the First Baptist Church, a politician, farmer, school teacher, railroad agent, bank director, cotton buyer, and merchant. Joe W. Kilgroe is his son, and his two grandsons are S.E. Kilgroe and Sol Mongold.

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Home staff writer

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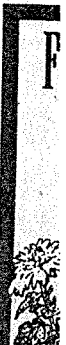
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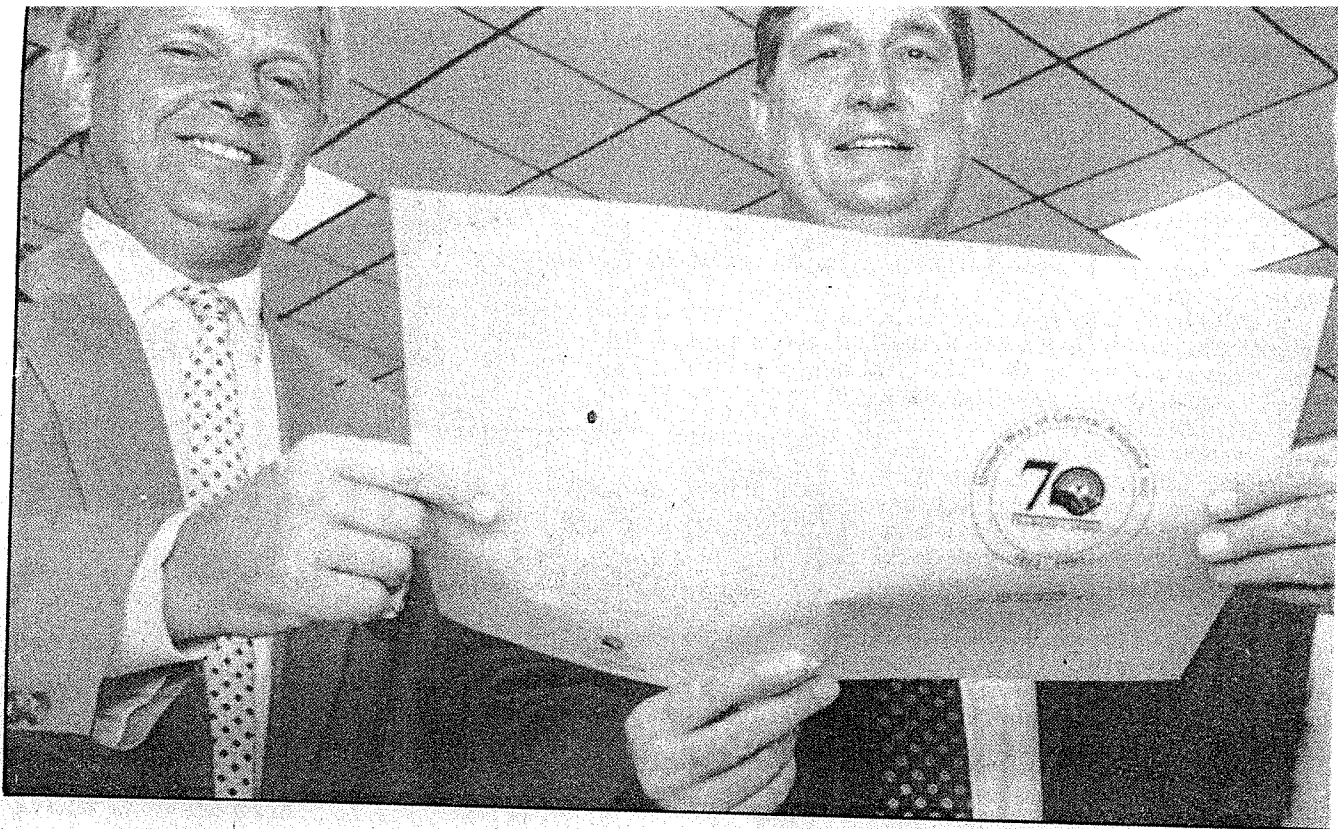
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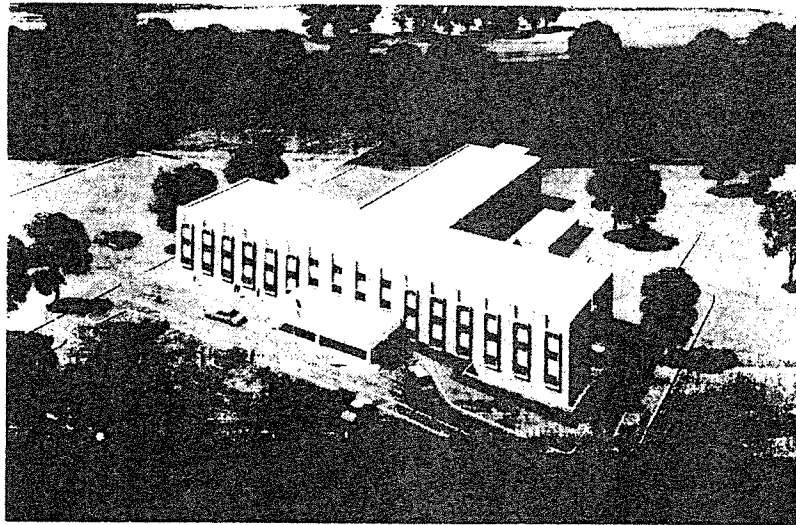
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CORNERSTONE CEREMONY

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOSPITAL
PELL CITY, ALABAMA



Albert P. Brewer
1968

2:30 P. M.
November 23, 1968

Hon. Albert P. Brewer, Governor of Alabama
Speaker

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOSPITAL
CORNERSTONE CEREMONY
AT THE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION SITE*

2:30 P. M.
November 23, 1968

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Honorable Hoyt B. Hamilton, Judge of
Probate, Master of Ceremonies

Music - Pell City High School Band,
Directed by Mr. John Whit

Invocation - Dr. Austin F. Staples, Jr.,
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pell City

Welcome and Opening Remarks -
Hoyt B. Hamilton, Judge of Probate

St. Clair County Hospital Board -
Harold D. King, Chairman

Introductions of Members of Congress -
Edmund Blair, Member Hospital Board

Bill Nichols, Member of Congress,
Fourth District of Alabama

John Sparkman, U. S. Senator

Lister Hill, U. S. Senator

Jim Allen, U. S. Senator, Elect

Introduction of Speaker -
Hon. H. E. Holladay, Representative
St. Clair County

Address - Hon. Albert P. Brewer,
Governor of Alabama

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St. Clair County Hospital Cornerstone
Ceremony Participants

Honorable Albert P. Brewer, Governor

Dr. Ira L. Myers, State Health Officer

Clay Dean, Director, Bureau of Health
Facilities Construction, State
Health Department

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Benediction - Rev. W. L. Cole, President
St. Clair County Ministerial
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* In case of inclement weather, the cere-
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Architect - Paul Hager Associates

Cornerstone Ceremony At New Hospital Nov. 23rd

Charles Turner New Captain Of QB Club

The Pell City Quarterback Club elected Charles W. Turner captain for the 1969 season, at its regular meeting last Monday night. Turner will succeed outgoing captain Bob Cornett.

Other new officers elected were Claxton Alexander, alternate captain, and Charles Jenkins, quarterback.

The QB's will hold their final meeting of the year next Monday night the Rec Hall, at which time final plans for the annual banquet will be made. All members are urged to attend.

A large number of state and county notables are expected to attend the Cornerstone Ceremonies at the new under-construction Pell City Hospital. The ceremony is to be held Saturday, November 23, at 2:30 p.m. In case of bad weather the ceremony will be transferred to the large courtroom at the Pell City courthouse.

Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton announced the completion of the program today and urged everyone in the county to attend the ceremony, that will mark a long stride forward in the construction of the much needed hospital.

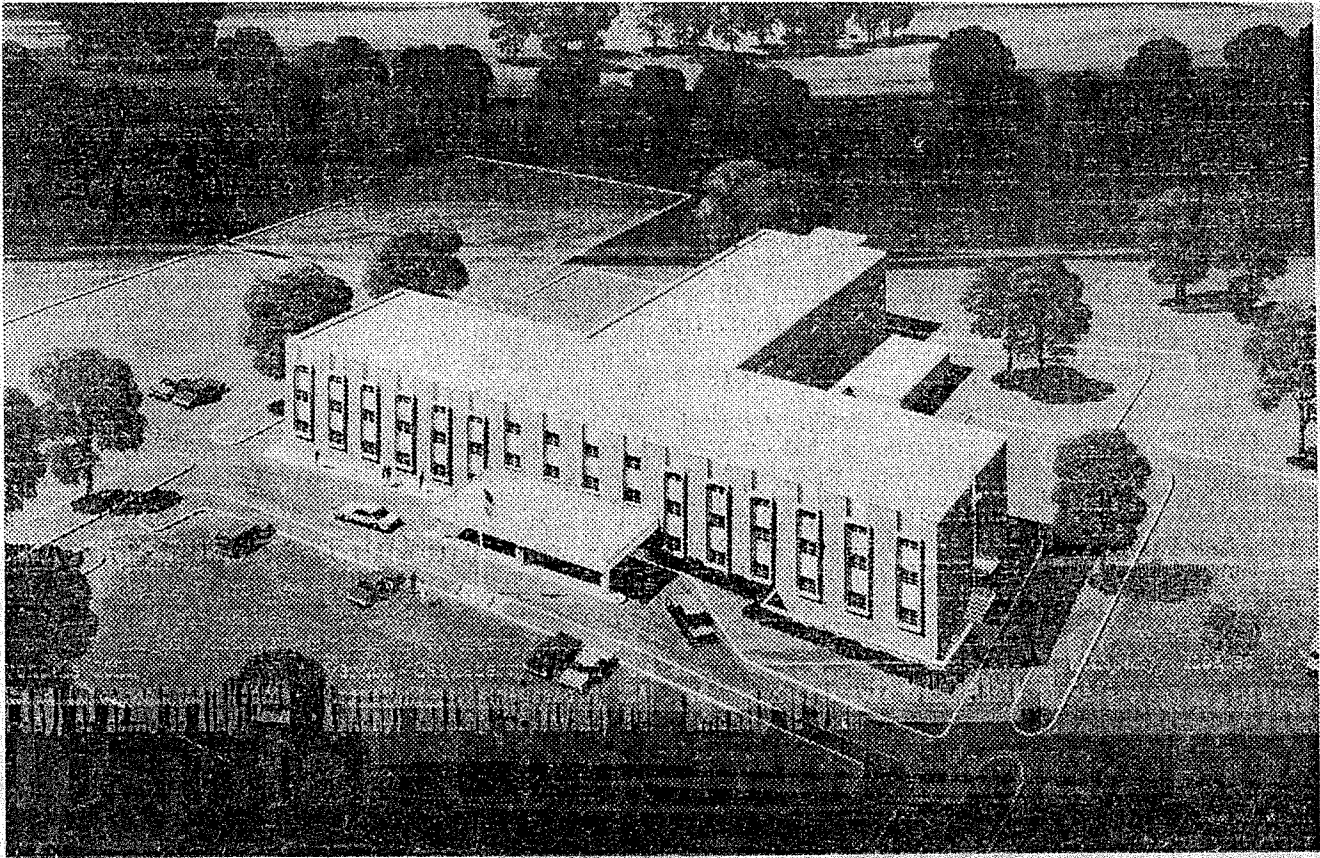
Governor Albert Brewer will be the main speaker and will be introduced by Edwin Holladay, Pell City lawyer and Member the House of Representatives from St. Clair. Dr. Austin F. Staples, Jr., pastor Pell City 1st Baptist will deliver the invocation and Rev. W. L. Cole, pastor Pell City's 1st Methodist, will say the benediction.

Among the notables expected to attend in addition to Gov. Brewer are U. S. Senator Lister Hill, who is retiring this year after a long career of excellent service to Alabama and the nation. It was Senator Hill who co-authored the Hill-Burton Law. The hospital was built under the sponsorship of this law. During his years in the Senate Senator Hill, the son of a doctor, has been the cause of more legislation for the cause of the medical profession and progress toward better health than any other man in the history of this

country. Others invited and expected to attend are Sen John Sparkman, who has served ably and well in the U. S. Senate, is chairman of the Powerful Finance Committee and near the top on several other important senatorial committees, Senator-Elect Jim Allen of Gadsden, Congressman Bill Nichols, Dr. Ira L. Myers, state health officer, and Clay Dean, director state health facilities construction.

The ceremony will be under joint sponsorship of the County Commissioners Court and the Hospital Board. The Commissioners Court in addition to Judge Hamilton consists of Clyde Morrow, H. N. Mize, Charles Williams and J. B. Walters. Members of the Hospital Board are Harold King, Chairman, Ed Borders, vice chairman, H. L. Eubanks, secretary, J. T. Newman, treasurer, J. B. Martin, Jr., Edmund Blair, Ben Buttram, Wade Roper, Bobby Pinkston, and Judge Hamilton, exofficio member.

Music for the occasion will be by the Pell City High School band under direction of John Whit.



ARCHITECTS DRAWING OF THE NEW ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOSPITAL
PAUL HAGER & ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS

Hospital Construction To Start In The Near Future

A Talladega Construction company turned in the low bid for building the St. Clair County Hospital at a meeting of county, state officials and members the Hospital Board of Governors.

Hare Construction Company bid was \$1,309,709. R. P. Henderson and Son, Pell City was high bidder with a bid of \$1,594,000. Other bidders were E. C. Coston Co., Logan Co., Pearce, DeMoss and King, Rob-

erts Brothers and Co., and Shenesey and Kay.

It is expected the construction contract will be signed within the next week or 10 days. Mr. Hare will sign for his company, Harold King, board chairman for the hospital.

In addition to the Board of Governors Clay Dean, head of the State Health Department, Paul Hager, Neil Bruce and

Archie Jones of Paul Hager and Associates architects for the job, Judge Hoyt Hamilton, ex-officio member of the board, Jack Pilkinton, county engineer, J. B. Walters, Charles Williams, Clyde Morrow and H. M. Mize, county commissioners, all were present.

Total cost of building and equipment will be \$1,905,996.25. Building and equipment will be well within the original budget

set for construction and equipment. Both building and equipment will be modern in every respect and will include two operating rooms, Xray machine and two maternity rooms.

St. Clair county people who voted favorably on a tax to help on the cost of the hospital will pay \$1,155,996.75 on the total cost. The Federal funds under the Hill-Burton law will be \$750,000.



HOSPITAL TRANSITION SCENES—

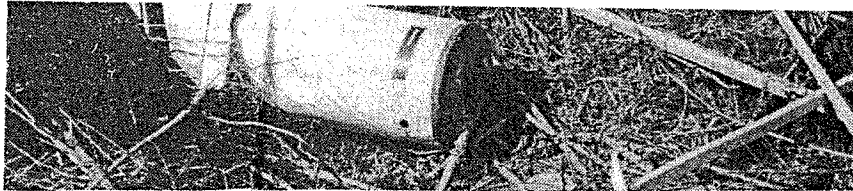
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Martin Hospital. Ann Marie
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 The first baby born in Martin

Lee Haynes, Jr. the first
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*27 Treated At St. Clair Hospital

The St Clair County Hospital in Pell City reported that 27 people were treated for tornado-related injuries last Friday night and three were admitted to the hospital.

A hospital spokesman said that others were treated on Saturday for after-storm accidents or after-shock nerves, but that no others were admitted to the hospital.

Dr. M. G. Norrell said that he treated Della McGraw, a Coosa Valley Telephone Company employee at his clinic and made a house call on Mrs. Virgil Compton immediately following the tornado.

Those treated at St. Clair County Hospital included Doris Jackson, 47, Ragland; Doris Tollison, 41, Pell City; Eunice Ward, 39, Talladega; Bill Harper, 24, Birmingham; Steve Campbell, 23, Ragland; Lois Mize, 60, Pell City; A. D. Mathis 48, Pell City; Arthur Ritch, 76, Pell City; Joe Dell Davis, 35, Ragland; Scottie Lovell, 41, Pell City; Hazel Kay, 41, Pell City; Gene Newman, 35, Pell City; Lisa Peoples, 13, Pell City; Danny Peoples, 10, Pell City; Kenneth Peoples, 12, Pell City; Donnie Peoples, 8, Pell City; James Reaves, 50, Ragland; Sue Reaves, 46, Ragland; Gwendolyn Threatt, 17, Pell City; Truitt Dorsett, 38, Odenville; Warren Gandy, 52, Pell City; Michael Kay, 9, Pell City.

The only three admitted to St. Clair County Hospital were Estelle Payne, 90, Pell City; Joyce Peoples, 31, Pell City and Nell Ritch, 74, Pell City.

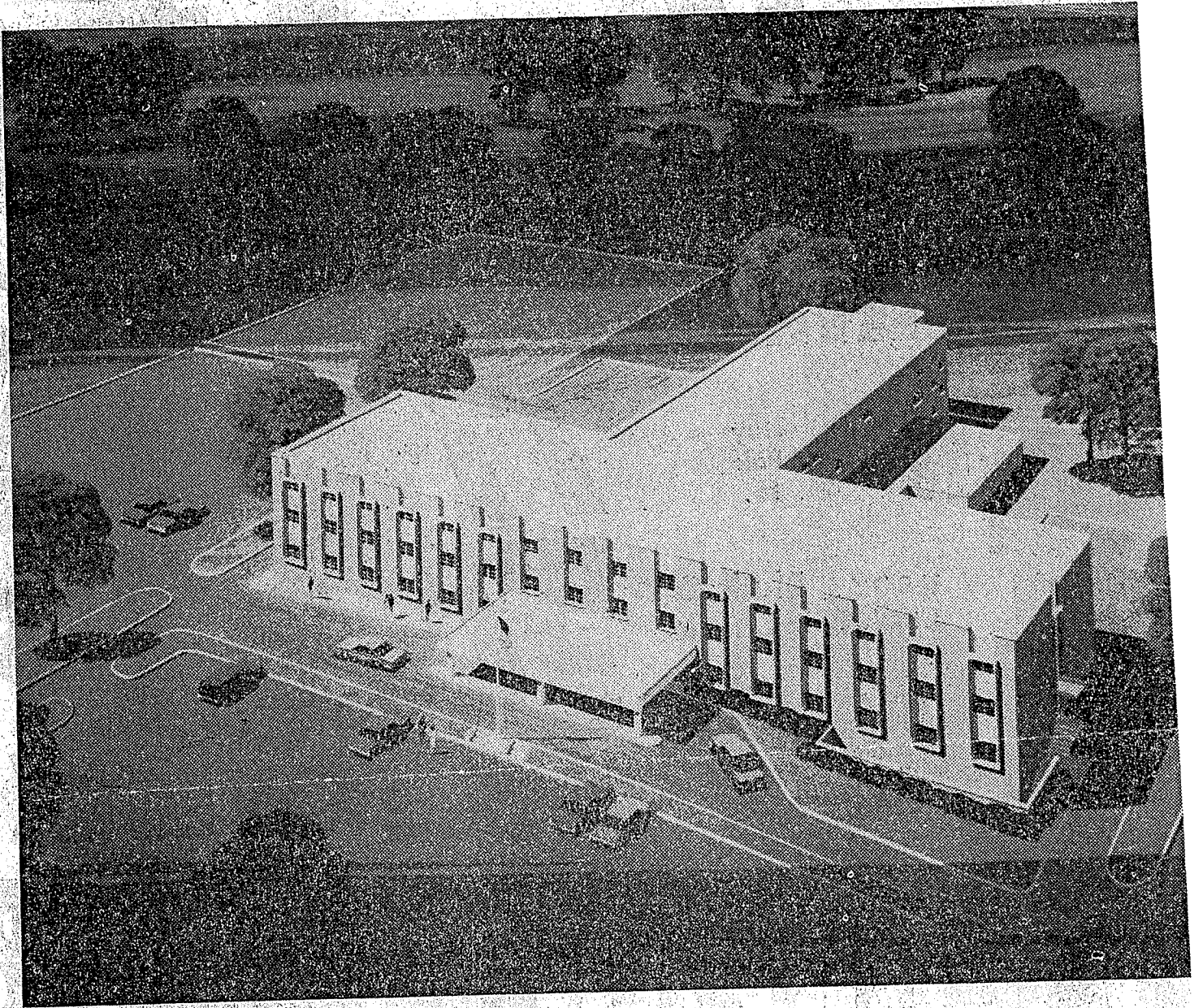
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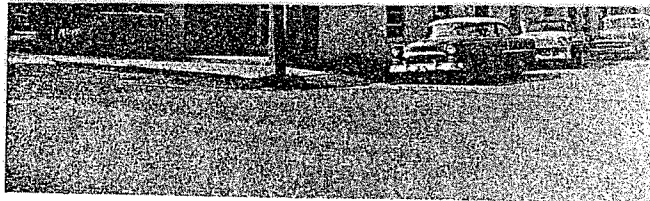
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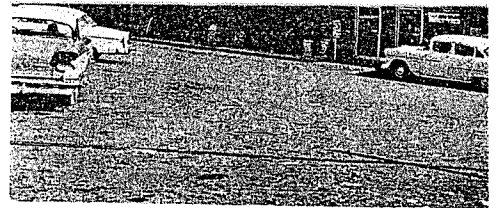


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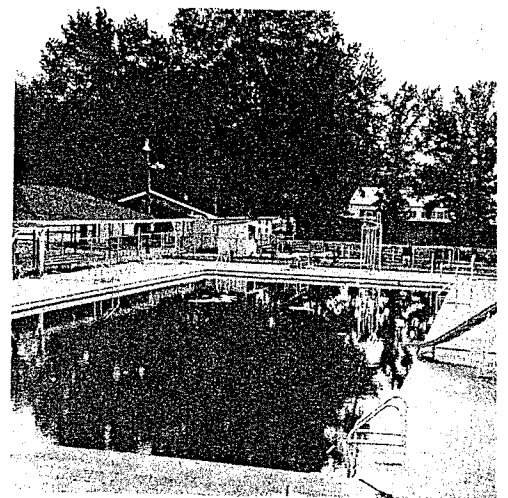
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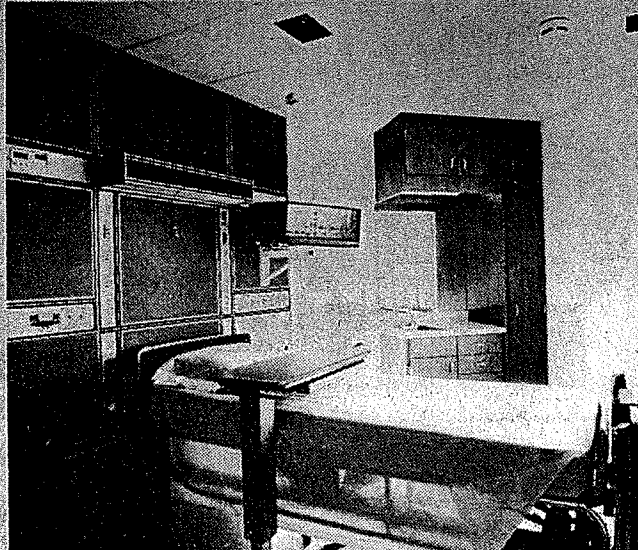
MARTIN HOSPITAL



PARK HAS POOL, TENNIS COUR
RECREATION BUILDING, CARPE



St. Clair County Hospital, its administration, staff and board members proudly announce the completion of the fourth floor and invite you to attend open house on Sunday afternoon, January 25 from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Come, enjoy refreshments and fellowship, tour the new intensive care unit, meet the fine physicians and other members of our hospital staff.



Standing left to right: Lou... (name partially obscured), Sam Jones (Hospital Administrator), J.B. Martin, Chairman, J.B. Walters, ... (name partially obscured), Marlin Huggins, ... (name partially obscured). Not shown is board member ... (name partially obscured) and ... (name partially obscured).

In addition to the facilities now available, the new fourth floor houses six intensive care units, a 19 bed progressive care nursing unit, exercise electrocardiogram equipment, endoscopic testing procedures. Respiratory therapy and medical records have also been transferred to the fourth floor.

Ham News Nov. 17, 1966

State Government



\$6.5 million aid for health divided

BY DAN DOWE
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Nov. 17 — Three Birmingham institutions have shared in more than \$6.5 million in federal Hill-Burton funds allocated by the State Committee on Public Health among 17 Alabama hospitals and health centers.

The committee, which met Wednesday, held up allocation of \$320,343 for mental retardation projects because no valid application for funds had been received.

Birmingham institutions receiving Hill-Burton money, with local matching funds in parenthesis, were: Childrens Hospital Annex, \$762,000, (\$381,000); University Hospital, \$630,340, (\$340,000); Fairhaven Home, \$157,800, (\$78,900).

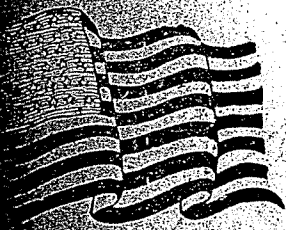
Clay Dean, director of health facilities construction for the State Board of Health, said several requests for funds had been held in abeyance, including three from Mobile County hospitals totaling more than \$2.2 million.

DEAN SAID further action will be taken at the committee's next meeting on Dec. 21. But he noted that only slightly more than \$1 million in federal funds is still available to Alabama for the present fiscal year.

Other requests for Hill-Burton aid which were not approved Wednesday will probably be deferred until next year, Dean said.

Grants were approved Wednesday for the following cities, with local funds in parenthesis:

- Headland, Headland Health Center, \$55,000, (\$27,500).
- Pell City, St. Clair County Hospital, \$750,000 (\$1,013,;;:).
- Brewton, D. W. McMillan Hospital, \$391,000 (\$195,000).
- Luverne, Crenshaw County Hospital, \$197,200 (\$160,500).
- Arab, Arab Hospital Annex, \$459,000 (\$229,500).
- Hamilton, Lister Hill Hospital Annex, \$342,600 (\$171,300)...
- Talladega, Citizens Hospital, \$1,000,000 (\$986,200).
- Sylacauga, Sylacauga Hospital, \$529,000 (\$264,500).
- Langdale, G. H. Lanier Hospital, \$204,000 (\$156,000).
- Flomaton, Abernethy Hospital, \$178,400, (\$89,200).
- Opelika, Lee County Hospital, \$175,600 (\$87,800).
- Tuskegee, John A. Andrew Hospital, \$368,000 (\$184,000).
- Troy, Troy Hospital, \$108,800, (\$54,400).
- Montgomery, Montgomery Charity Clinic, \$168,000 (\$84,000).



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ALABAMA'S BIG WEEKLY NEWS

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PELL CITY, ALABAMA HEARTLAND OF DIXIE'S WATER

April 1st Opening Date New St. Clair Hospital

The St. Clair County Hospital at Pell City will open on April 1. The Martin hospital at Pell City, the only hospital in St. Clair for many years will close on March 31, one day ahead of the opening of the new hospital.

This is according to an announcement by C. M. Jones, administrator of the new hospital, and R. H. (Pete) Ward, administrator the Martin Hospital and Clinic.

The plan is to transfer all patients in the Martin Hospital to the new hospital, and close the doors of the old hospital on the night of March 31.

The new hospital, financed on the Hill-Burton plan, will be modern in every respect. There will be 68 beds, said to be ample for the population to be served. All equipment is of the very latest and newest type.

Mr. Jones has been on the job for several weeks, interviewing applicants for the 80 to 90 people who must be on staff when the hospital opens. Mr. Jones said the hospital could be opened with 80 to 90 people but that about 125-130 would be necessary when the institution was at full capacity. He said everyone who had made application for employment was being notified to come in and be interviewed for employment. In this way they hope to

talk to everyone who wants to work at the hospital.

Some of the department heads who have been employed include Edward Carpenter, from Birmingham, business manager Mickey Barber, Pell City, director of nursing, Mrs. Natalie Lowery, Odenville, Chief Laboratory Technician, Mrs. Elna Smithson, Pell City, Medical Records Librarian, Billie Donahoo, Pell City, hospital engineer, and Mrs. Virginia Reeves Lonergan, housekeeper.

The new hospital will be fully equipped with all modern facilities for the care and nursing of medical, obstetrical and surgical patients.

The hospital will participate in medicare and medicaid programs. The medical staff will be composed of local physicians supported by various specialists from the surrounding area. The hospital is a member of the Alabama and the American hospital association. Open house will be held sometime next month, the exact date to be announced later.

FRIDAY NIGHT -

Auburn, Jax S Clash At Ode

The Odenville Quarterback Club is basketball spectacular tomorrow night between well-known Auburn University and Odenville State University athletes.

Beginning at 7:30 p. m. at the St. High School Gym, the game will feature players from both the schools.

Representing the Auburn "Tigers" are Webb, Connie Frederick, Pat Sullivan, Shirley, Bobby Strickland, Vince Mike Currier.

On the "Gamecock" side will be Bruce Nichols, Danny Kemp, Doc "Doc" Lett, Hugh Bland Wayne Munhall, and Preston Newman.

A preliminary game will begin at

MORROW - Funeral Today Former Resident

Services will be held for Hugo B. Morrow, who passed away in hospital Tuesday, at the time of

will be held today at Rev. W. W. Davis officiating, funeral home direction will be in Jeff Memorial Gardens East are the widow, B. Morrow, par and Mrs. Albert C. Pell City; three bro and A. C. Morrow and Edison Moralladega, two sisters, Stanphill of Pell Mrs. Billy W. Walker, Montgomery.

Funeral Here Today For Mrs. Henderson

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Jewel Sue Henderson, 46, of Pell City, who passed away at her home early Wednesday morning.

The services will be conducted at Broken Arrow Baptist Church, Rev. Jim Truitt and Rev. Cole Skelton officiating, Kilgroe directing. Interment will be in St. Clair Memorial Gardens.

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Hope For Cure - Hodgkins Disease Patients

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The body will lie in state at the church from 9 p. m. until

St. Clair County Hospital expands

By DAVID HAYNES

PELL CITY — The fourth-floor expansion at St. Clair County Hospital here will increase that facility's capacity to serve area residents with the addition of a sophisticated intensive care unit and 14 additional hospital beds.

An open house has been scheduled for Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. to allow the public to inspect the new facilities before it is opened to patients. The open house also will give the hospital administration an opportunity to in-

form the public of medical services now available through the hospital.

The intensive care unit features the latest in electronic monitoring equipment and will provide intensive care, cardiac care and progressive care services.

Each of the six intensive care cubicles has a glass front and is angled to face a central nursing station. From the nursing station, every patient bed can be clearly viewed.

The console at the nursing station also is equipped with monitoring

equipment connected to each cubicle.

The fourth floor also will be used to store the hospital's growing files of medical records. Another section of the top floor will be used by the respiratory therapy department, which is now located in an area adjacent the radiology (x-ray) department.

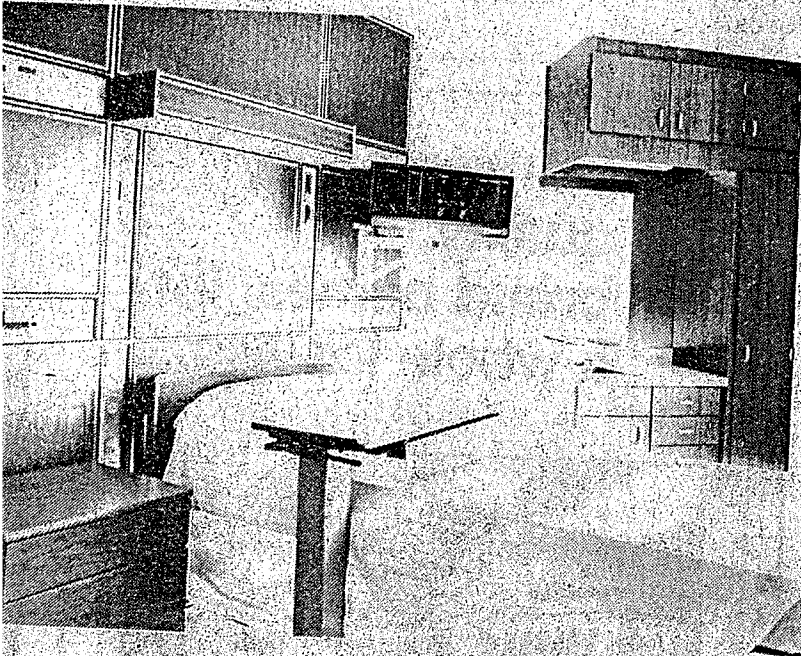
Also located on the new floor will be an endoscopy room where gastrointestinal tract examinations can be performed.

A total of 14 additional hospital beds also will be located on the fourth floor.

The space made by moving the medical records to the fourth floor will be used for in-service nursing. Likewise, the space made by respiratory therapy will be used for the radiology department.

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOSPITAL



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ic glass-front patient cubicles in intensive care unit on the new fourth floor addition at St. Clair County Hospital offer the very latest in sophisticated electronic monitoring equipment. Each unit is positioned at an angle and can be viewed from a central nursing station.

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Mattie Lou Teague Crow's 'A History of St. Clair

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Hospital Administrator C.M. "Sam" Jones said the expansion project eventually will mean an additional 40 jobs for medical personnel.

The 14 new beds brings the number of beds at the hospital from 68 to 82.

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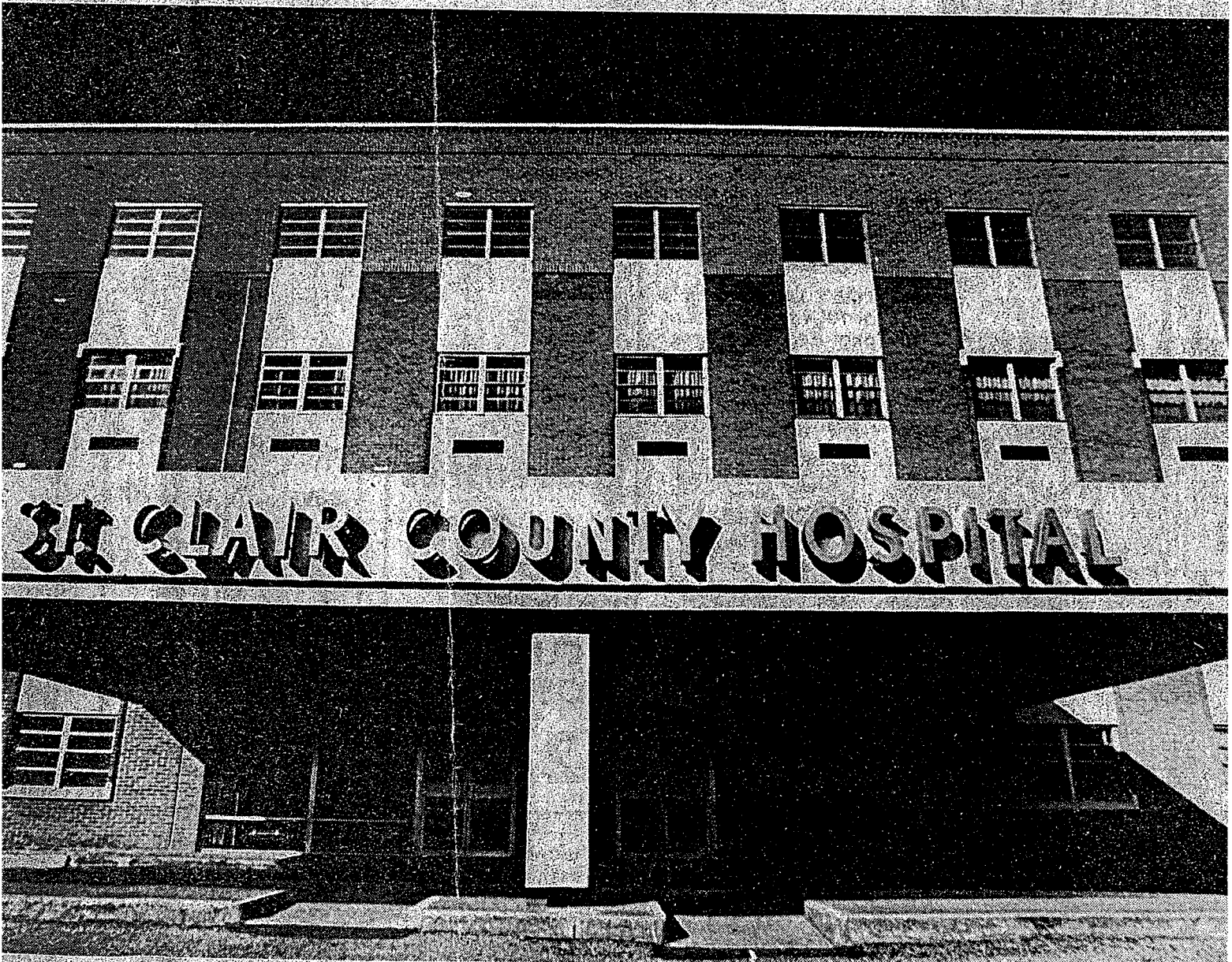
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Dentistry

Date	Person/Place
Summer 1906 Set up practice 1907	Dr. Ulysses (Claude) Martin

Received 50 year
award @ Alabama
Dental Ass., B'ham, Al.
April 23, 1959

1922-1952

Local Council
for ~~16~~³⁰ years

Death:

Dr. E. D. Hiford

Dr. Samuel Coy (Raymond)
111 20th N. Pell City.

Dental Laboratories

Dental Lab - Eden

Calver Tel. Dental Center

Dentist

Mr. Tim Haywood / Family Dentistry
Dr. Doug Martin
1724 2nd and N. Pell City

Dr. Robert L. Deshazer 884-1691
Family Dentistry & Orthodontics
2501 Stanley Bridge Rd. Chapel Hill

Mr. Tim Haywood

Janitors

Alfred Williams served 20 years -

Secretaries

app. 12-54
Miss Nell G. Howard
P.T. app. 10-58
Mrs. Mary M. Thelen

Sanitarians

Robert B. Calpepper

Physicians

Dr. R.W. Martin 1871-1903

Dr. Barnes

Dr. Frank Stitt

Dr. Arthur S. Reser (Surgery 1947-1970)

Dr. T. Harbour

Dr. T.L. Lennie ENT

Dr. Gray

Dr. Mac Parter

Dr. H.T. Barton took Dr. Martin's place

Dr. Harnell Clayton

Dr. John Haynes, Chief of Medical Staff

Vol. 338-2241 Dr. M.G. Herrell Dec. 31, 1957 -

Dr. Wilbur Jennings 7 years (1952-59)

Dr. James Perry Turner

Dr. Dallas Reynolds - So. Kentville

Health officers Nursing Super.

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Dr. John D. Rayfield

^{Aug 1945}
Miss Lucie Zackey, R.N.

Dr. Hezekiah Adkins

Dr. James H. McCendon

Dr. John S. Baxter

Nurses

Miss Ethel Dean

Miss Lois Deason

Public Health Supv.
Miss Archie Zockey 1990
1937

53 yrs. ago

Ms Emily Rowan

Ms Gwen Rich

Mrs Mary (Dot) Brown

Ms Betty Palk

Ms Paige Jackson

Health care comes to Bell City

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Colonial Galleries -

Buggy, Shaw, Dr's Bag,

Pictures, The Doctor

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home of pt., buggy, saddle horse

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IV 1931 upstairs area of Pell City Drug Store
(6 bed facility)

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1933 Purchase G.W. Hardwick House -
behind Drug Store - ^{Built} The Bell City
Infirmary - later named Martin
Hospital

1941 W Wing added - 42 beds

During these years many professional
health workers were added - Many
were trained by Dr. Martin & Miss Dana
M.D.'s Nurses

Dr. Barnes

Miss Elizabeth

Dr. Frank Stitt

Miss Lillian

Dr. Arthur F. Rice - Surgery 1947-1970

Miss Ruth Chappell

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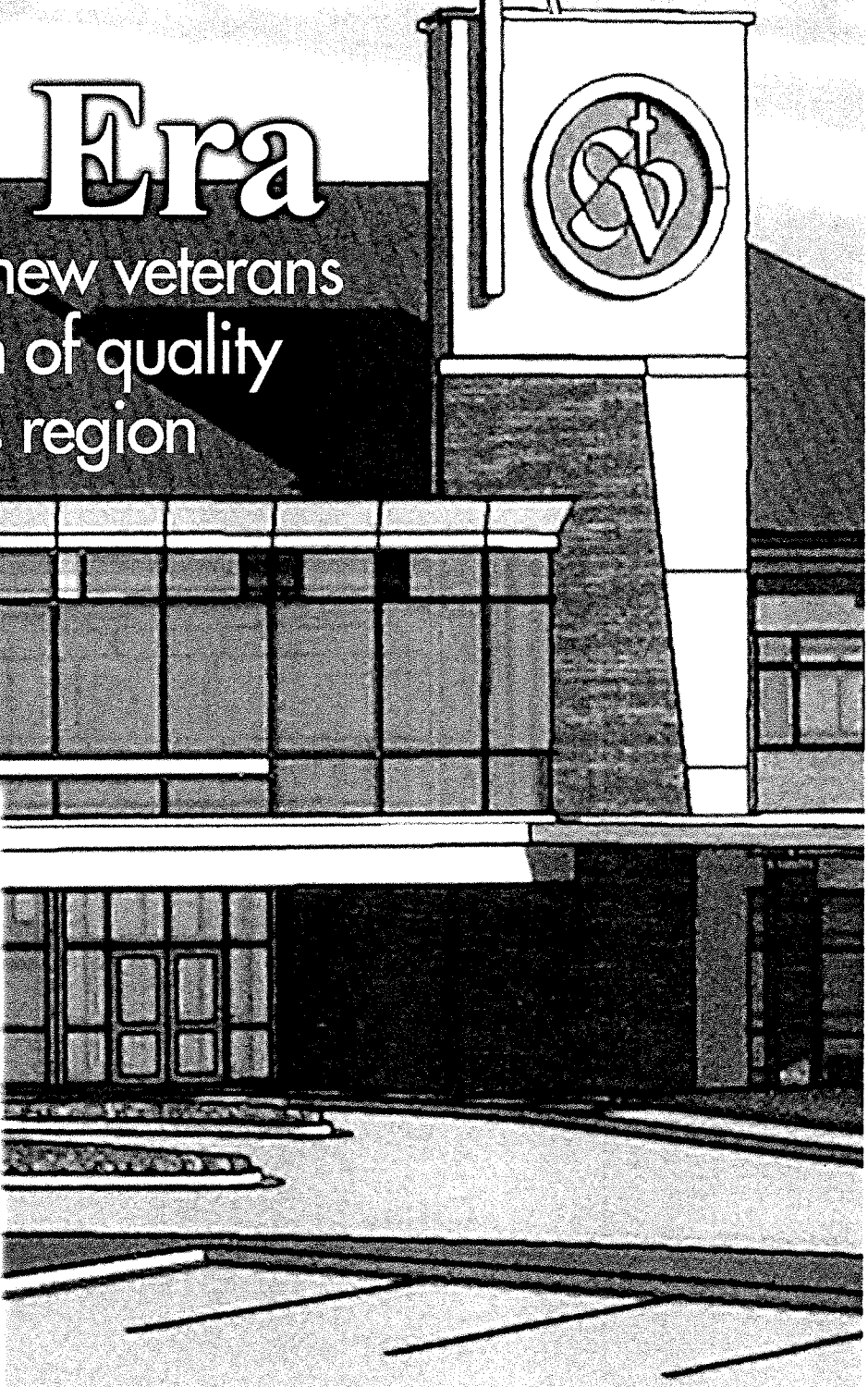
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A New Era

St. Vincent's and new veterans home lead growth of quality health care across region

Gateway to Progress

- Quality Schools
- Thriving Economy
- Lake Life
- New Housing
- The Arts
- & More Inside...



The essence of

Modern Medicine

Top-of-the-line facilities to call Pell City home

Story by **Carol Pappas**
Photos by **Jerry Martin**

Opening Soon.

Now Open

Opening in the Fall of 2011.

Those similar sentiments are the signs of the times for Pell City, an Alabama community that is on the fast track for growth.

Growing right along with it is a medical community that is expected to rival those of much larger cities.

By the numbers, add a 79,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art hospital in St. Vincent's-St. Clair to the Pell City landscape. Couple it with another 40,000 square feet of medical professional office space right next door.

Down the road just a bit, add an entire nursing home, skilled nursing and assisted living community for Alabama veterans.

A licensed practical nursing program is already in play at Jefferson State Community College and its iCADEMY, next door neighbors to the hospital, doctors' offices and Veteran's Home.

And across the interstate, add yet another 5,000 square feet of professional office space at Northside Medical Associates, and a clear picture of the region's medical future comes into focus.

They call it a tipping point — that moment in time when an idea catches a spark and spreads like wildfire. That time is now.

Historically, the 'idea' came long before the tipping point, though. It had been in the talking stages for 10 years before the first signature appeared on a dotted line or a shovelful of dirt signaled the beginning of a new era for medicine in Pell City.

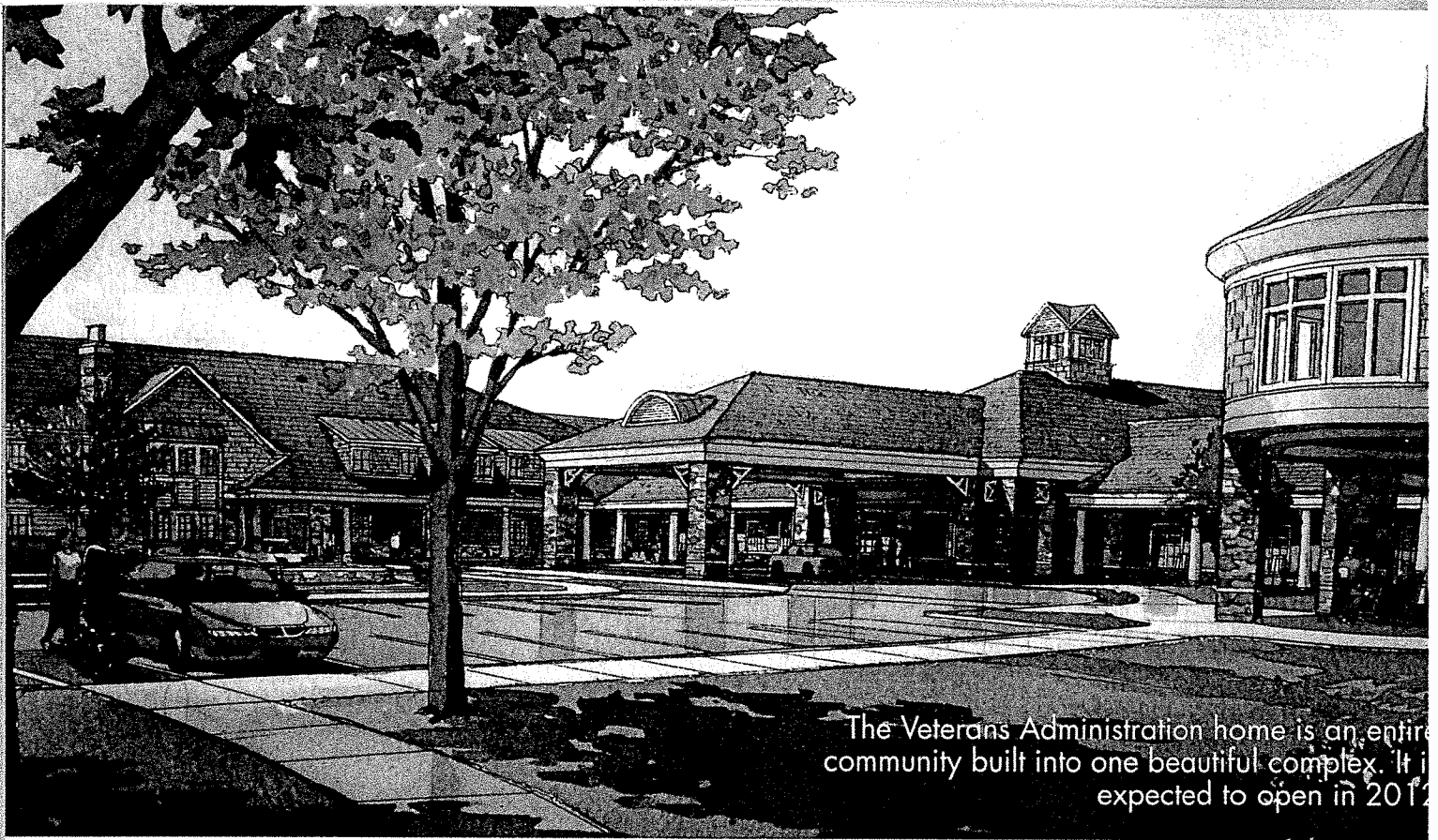
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This architectural rendering of the new St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital shows off the cutting-edge design of the new facility, expected to open in Fall 2011.



ST. VINCENT'S
ST. CLAIR



The Veterans Administration home is an entire community built into one beautiful complex. It is expected to open in 2012.

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But it has indeed caught fire, and the momentum shows no signs of slowing. More than \$100 million in new investments and the creation of more than 600 jobs only underscore the notion that more is yet to come.

St. Vincent's acts as catalyst

St. Vincent's CEO John O'Neil credits a public-private partnership with the progress this mega medical project has made. "They are working together to truly serve the community," O'Neil said.

St. Clair County Health Care Authority, St. Clair County Commission, City of Pell City, St. Clair Economic Development Council and St. Vincent's Health System are partners for the hospital project. Ascension Health Care, parent company of St. Vincent's, was committed to seeing it through to fruition.

St. Clair's hospital was built in the 1960s. "It was run down" and not meeting the needs of the community, he said. It made it difficult to recruit physicians.

The push to build a new hospital had been ongoing for a decade, and it looked as though it would happen sooner than it actually did. "The economy tanked, and we had to find innovative ways to fund it," O'Neil said.

The core value of "creativity" kicked in, and an impressive partnership never gave up until a new hospital became a reality.

The St. Clair County Commission floated the bond. The city provided the infrastructure. The hospital entered into a 20-year lease with the Health Care Authority to cover the cost of the bonds, and the rest, as



St. Vincent's CEO John O'Neil on the project site for the new hospital.

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they say, is history.

"It has been the economic force for the rest of the construction," O'Neil said. The VA Home, a medical office building, \$100 million in investments and hundreds of jobs — "all spurred by St. Vincent's" — have come from this partnership.

It could have been abandoned over the years, O'Neil said. "But we didn't walk away, we walked to them."

Outgoing St. Vincent's-St. Clair CEO Terrell Vick, who is overseeing the transition to the new hospital, also credited an unrivaled partnership in getting the job done. "Commission Chairman Stan Batemon was a champion of this project from the start," Vick said. The commission sat down with St. Vincent's folks, and that's where the dialogue actually started.

"The local folks felt strongly about it here," Vick said. And the Health Care Authority, the commission, City of Pell City, St. Clair Economic Development Council, state and federal governments all came on board.

With Jefferson State Community College, well known for its nursing program, coming to town at the time, "it added to the potential for this project," he said. "The community support is why we are where we are today, and that's what makes this project different."

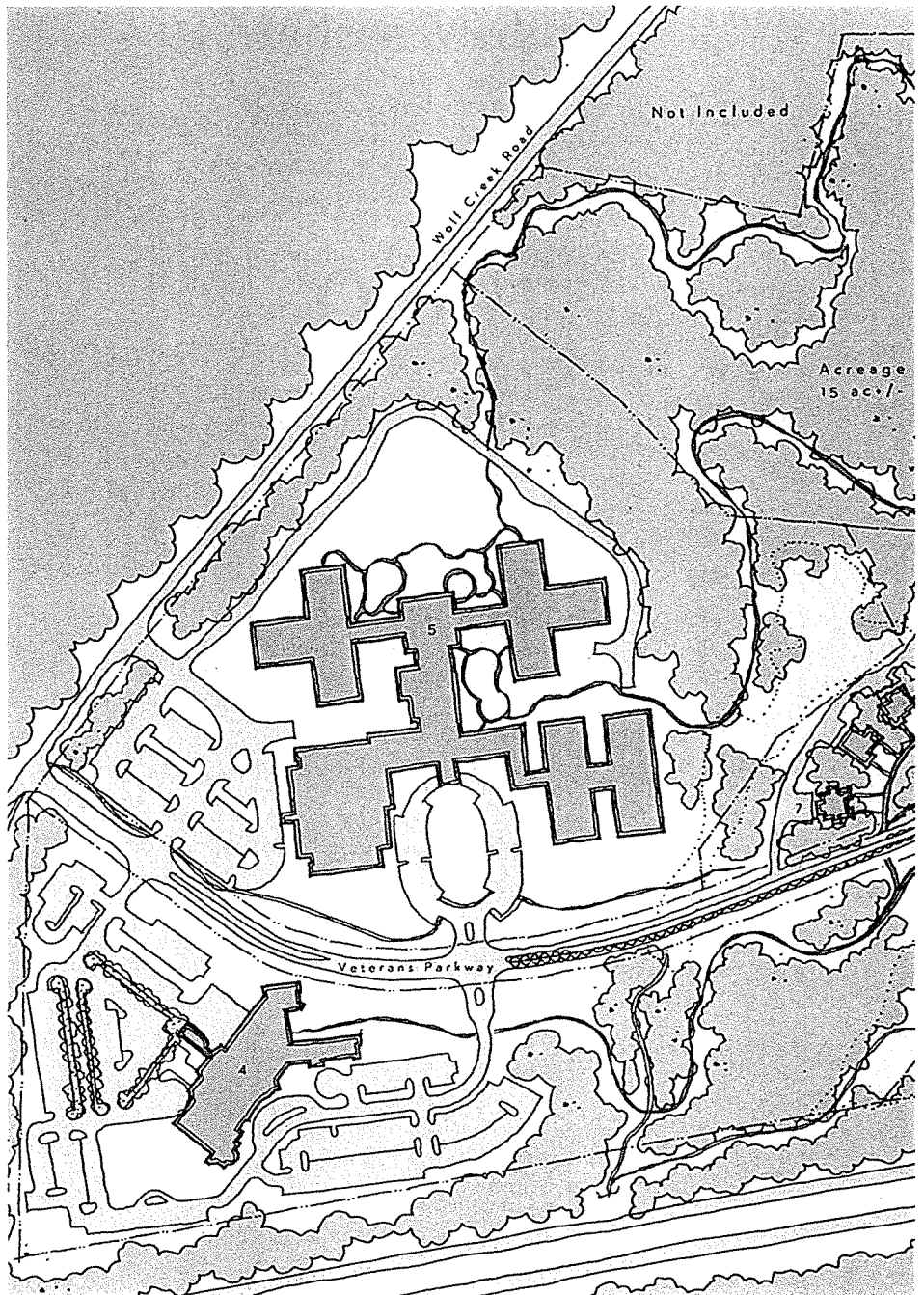
O'Neil noted that the new hospital will "reach out beyond the limits of Pell City. It is absolutely state-of-the-art for the whole county." With the latest technology, like MRI and a 64-slice CT scanner, "there is very little reason to leave the community for health care needs."

O'Neil hinted that more might be in store. "We see a tremendous amount of growth. I wouldn't be surprised to see us expand our footprint, expand services as community needs grow."

VA Home sets bar higher

It is hard to conceal Mayor Bill Hereford's smile these days. And it's easy to see why. The projects being built right now are attracting state and national headlines, and Pell City is basking in the positive glow of cutting edge medicine and medical facilities locating right here in its own backyard.

"The brand name, St. Vincent's, is unbeatable," he said. "It's synonymous with health care."



Add to that a sprawling Col. Robert L. Howard Veteran's Home complex that includes 224 beds in skilled nursing, assisted living and Alzheimer's care in a community setting with neighborhoods, shops, a main street and even a sports bar, and the term, state-of-the-art doesn't do it justice.

It has the look of a resort community with plenty of green space, walking trails, a park and a dining lodge in the plans.

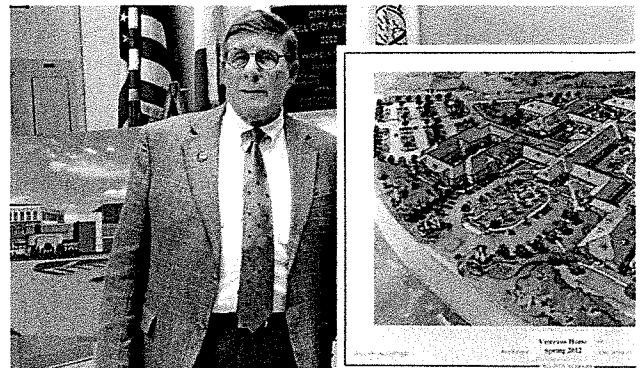
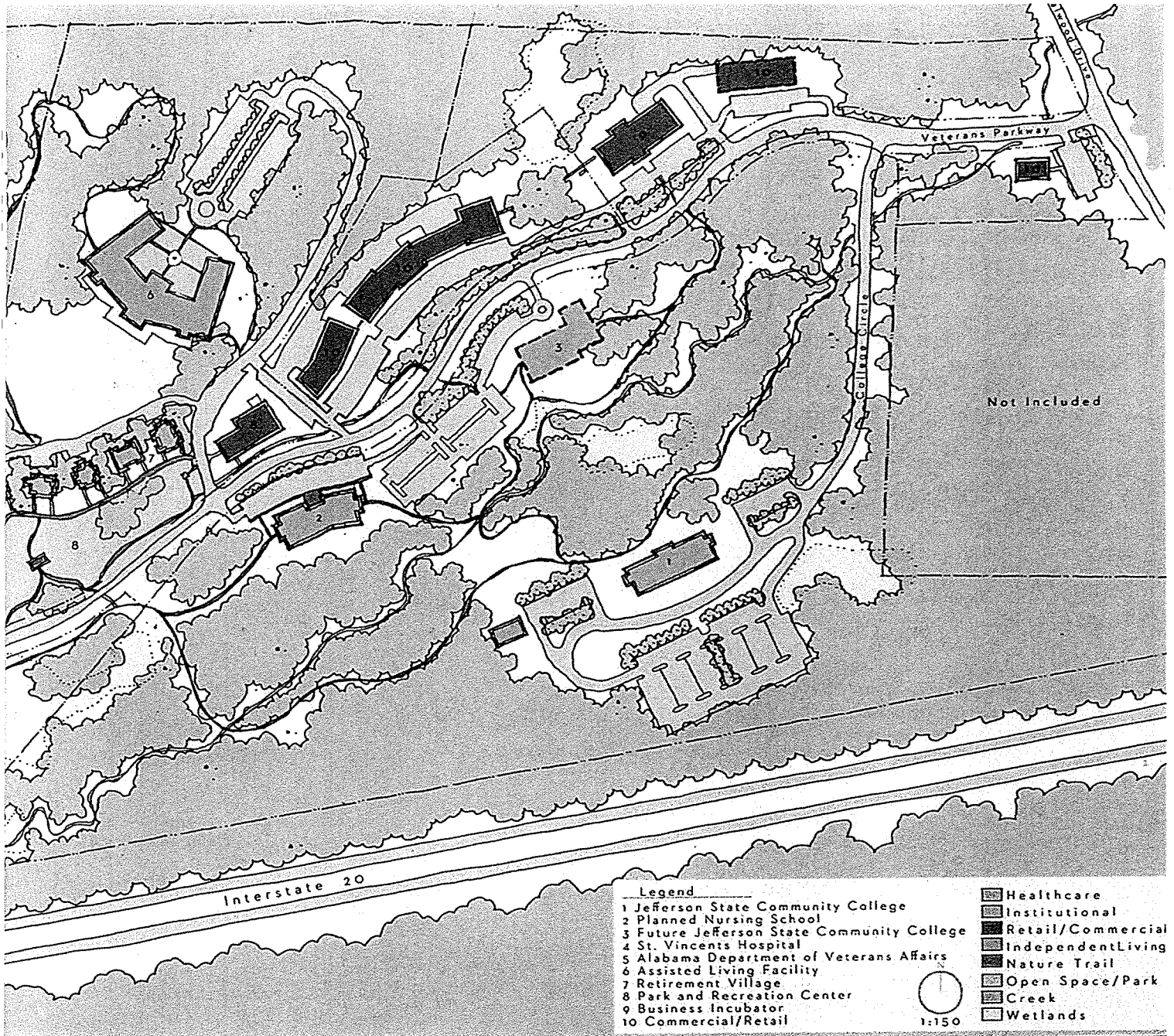
In providing a \$33 million grant to help with funding of the new complex, which is expected to open in 2012, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby and Congressman Spencer Bachus were unanimous in their assessment that it will be a premier facility to take care

of veterans who sacrificed so much in service to their country.

The impact also will be seen in job benefits. "All the jobs will benefit not only Pell City, but all other municipalities in St. Clair County," according to Economic Development Council Executive Director Don Smith said. "These projects will create new jobs and opportunities."

While Pell City has long been known as a manufacturing center, "it is adding medical-related companies into its economy," Smith said.

"Pell City is going to be known as the East Birmingham hub for medical services to the county, surrounding area and our veterans."



ABOVE: Pell City Mayor Bill Hereford shows off the medical facilities' plans in City Hall.
LEFT: Terrell Vick and John O'Neil go over project plans.

Expanding Health Care

Growing medical practice bringing more options to Pell City region

By **Carol Pappas**
Photos by **Jerry Martin**

A chance reunion on a Caribbean island became a catalyst for today's largest medical practice in Pell City, a cutting-edge medical center that is still growing.

Dr. Michael Dupré, a native of Louisiana, and Dr. Rock Helms, from Pell City, met in residency training at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. When the residency was complete, the two parted company, only to meet once again seven years later while vacationing at the same resort on the island of St. Lucia.

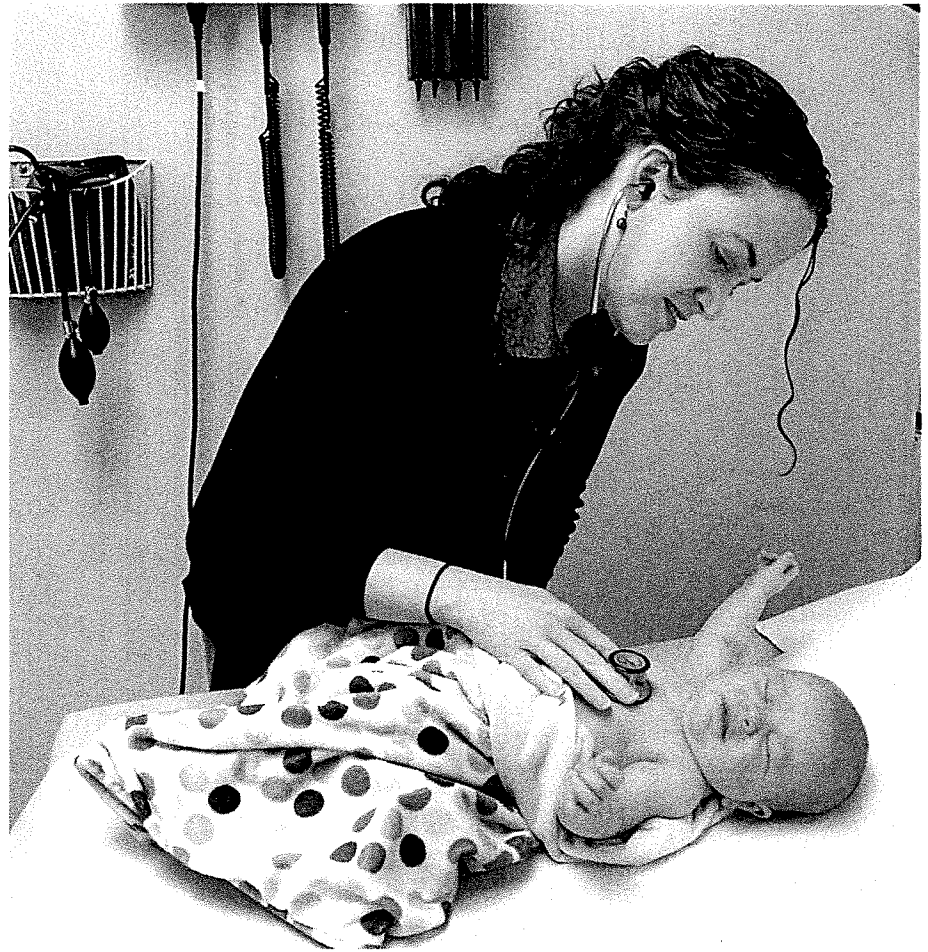
The two began to talk about the directions of their practices, and they soon found that the two directions ought to become one, and Dupré eventually joined Helms at Northside Medical Associates along with the other founding partners, Dr. William McClanahan and Dr. Carl Frosina.

"I saw 52 patients the very first day. The rest is pretty much history," Dupré said. The practice has doubled its on-staff physician roster from four to eight and added another 5,000 square feet of space.

As an adjunct professor at UAB's School of Medicine, Dupré naturally oversees physician recruiting, keeping his eye out for new talent and toward the future.

But he is the driver for technology at Northside as well. Dubbing himself the practice's Information Technology specialist, he proudly talks of strides Northside has made in keeping pace with the latest technology available.

Four warehouses of old, paper patient charts are now housed on a small server unit, and records are all handled electronically through Birmingham-based SuccessEHS. "It is

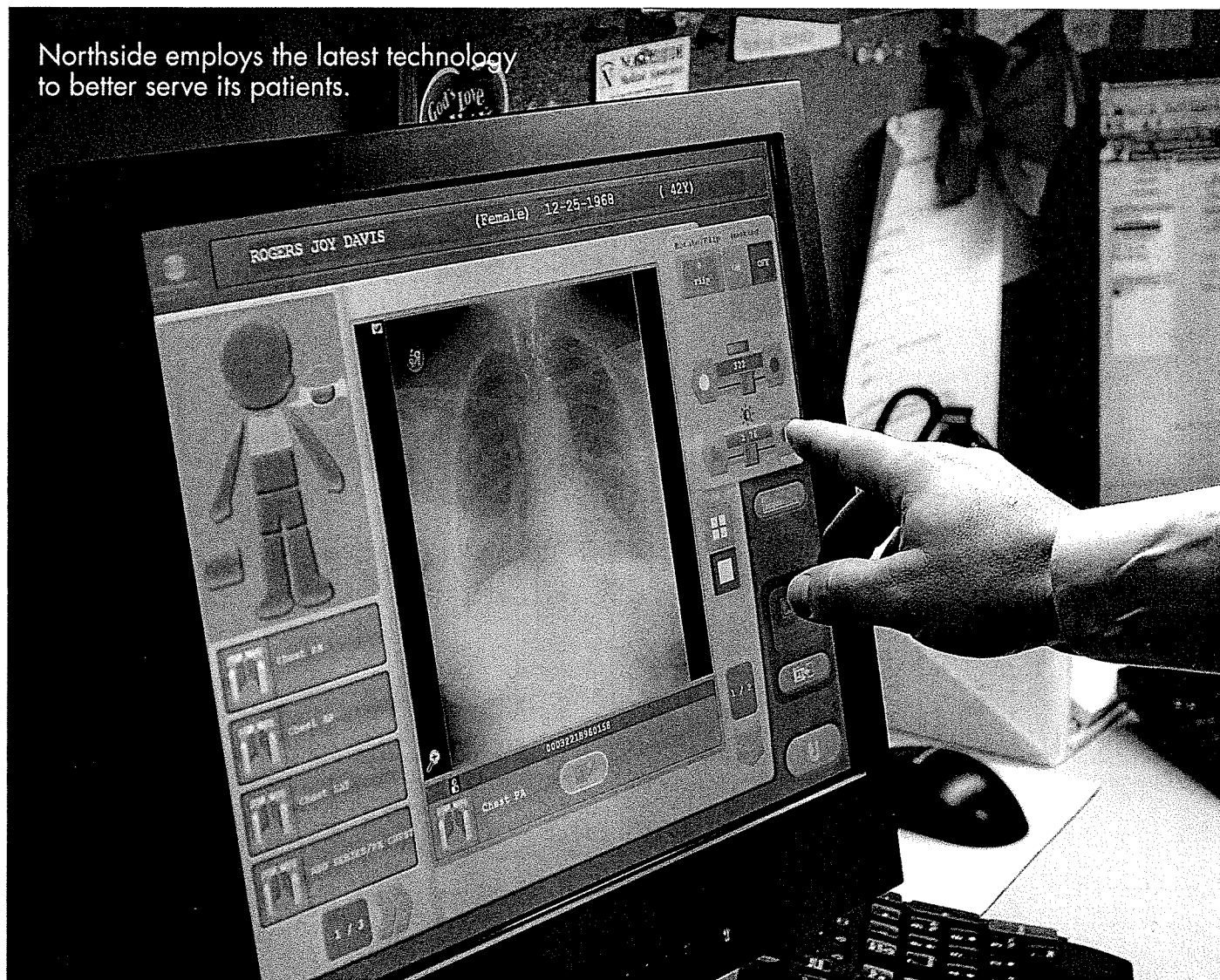


From infant care at the hands of Dr. Susan Duong, above, to lab tests and more, Pell City residents have a wide range of medical services available to them at Northside Medical Associates.

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Northside employs the latest technology to better serve its patients.



a lot more efficient and has fueled our growth," Dupré said. "You have everything at your fingertips. We can email charts within seconds. People are shocked that we have that kind of technology in Pell City, Alabama."

The technology does not stop at records, though. Northside has invested in the latest diagnostic equipment to better serve its patients expediently. "There is very little paper involved. I can dial in from my home and see a patient's results in real time," Dupré said.

A digital xray machine means no chemicals, friendliness to the environment, and a single xray plate can produce thousands of images and last 20 years.

Located in the fastest growing county in the state, Northside is keeping pace with the growth boom all around it.

Three years ago, Northside had 17,000 patients. Today, it has 35,000 active charts, underscoring the need for all kinds of medical services. That's why it has expanded to include visiting specialists each week.

Between staff doctors and specialists, it can offer services in cardiology, surgery, neurology, ear, nose and throat, obstetrics-gynecology, dermatology, oncology,

ophthalmology and orthopedics.

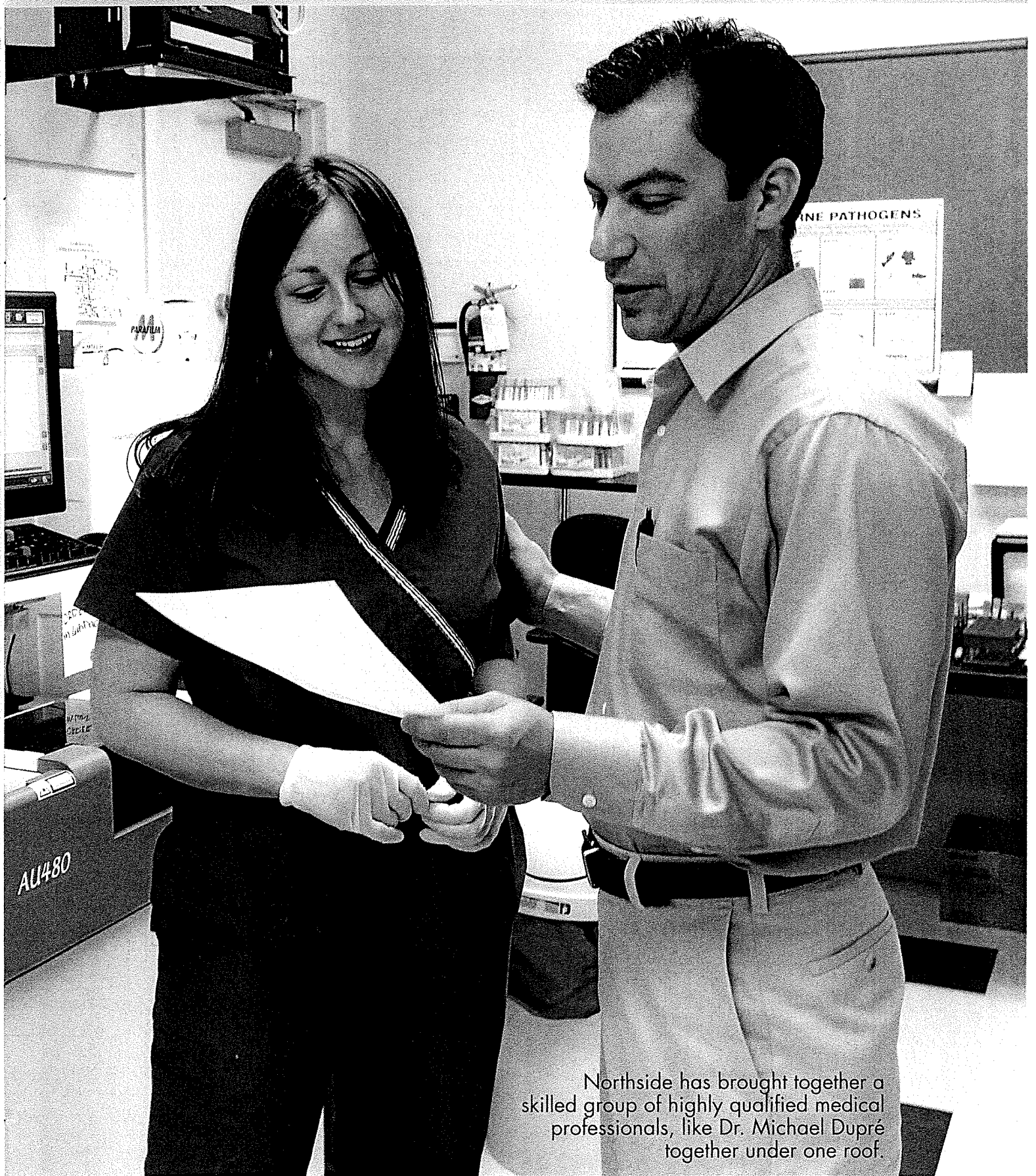
A full, stand-alone laboratory means testing for blood counts and endocrine panels can be done in house with no waiting for results.

An After Hours Clinic has been created. Doctors saw the need for extended care beyond regular office hours and days.

They realized, he said, that some cases weren't appropriate for an Emergency Room, which was all that was available locally. Or, they had to drive out of town for medical service at night or on weekends, sometimes ending up sicker than they were.

"Out of the frustration, we decided we needed to do something," Dupré said. They recruited other doctors and now operate until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Almost immediately, we were swamped," he said. He saw 75 patients in the six-hour period he worked.

The working relationship between Northside and St. Vincent's Clair Hospital is a strong one, and he looks forward to the new state-of-the-art hospital being built just across the interstate from his office. It is being designed from the beginning to handle the diverse



Northside has brought together a skilled group of highly qualified medical professionals, like Dr. Michael Dupré together under one roof.

needs of patients.

Of the old hospital, Dupré noted that the physical facility had not been able to keep pace with growth and changing times. “The care has always been fabulous. The nurses at St. Vincent’s-St. Clair I would take over anybody. It’s their community, their friends and neighbors, and they put

themselves out to take care of them.”

It is the same with the staff at Northside. Three of the doctors — Helms, Dr. Lea Clayton and Dr. Barry Collins — are actually practicing in their hometown.

“We try to take care of everybody like family,” Dupré said. “In a small community, it feels like that.”