

FULLY POURED . . . Looking over plans at the site of the fully-poured reinforced concrete frame for the eight-story Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital in Torrance, California, are the Harbor General Hospital Architects, a

joint venture of, left to right, Adrian Wilson, Francis J. Heusel, Welton Becket and Paul R. Williams. The \$11.6 million structure is exactly half finished, with completion set for September, 1962.

## Harbor Hospital Construction At Mid-Point, Officials Say

Pouring of the final section of concrete frame last week marked the mid-point in construction of the \$11.6 million Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital, scheduled for completion in September, 1962.

The eight-story frame rises high on the Torrance skyline and in stark contrast to the present temporary structures between Carson and 220th Sts. at Vermont Ave., which presently house Harbor General.

As designed and engineered by the Harbor General Hospital architects, a joint venture consisting of Welton Becket, Adrian Wilson, Paul R. Williams, and Francis J. Heusel, the 615-bed acute hospital will include a two-story south wing which will contain one of the largest hospital sections in the United States. An adjacent two-story outpatient clinic is equipped to handle 9000 patients per month.

ROBERT E. McKEE, General Contractor, Inc., is contractor for the fully air conditioned complex which includes 400,000 sq. ft. in the acute unit and T-shaped laboratory wing, and

50,000 sq. ft. in the clinic. Design of the acute unit is on the highly-efficient central core nursing unit plan, with a service core in the center and patient bedrooms on the periphery.

Seven medical and surgical nursing units, containing a total of 428 beds, will be located on the third, fourth, fifth and half of the sixth floors. The other half of the sixth floor will contain the 67-bed pediatric nursing unit.

A 62-bed obstetric nursing unit will be located on half of the seventh floor, with the delivery suite, recovery rooms, and nurseries occupying the remaining half of the floor. Four delivery rooms will be included in this area, one of which will be a full operating room for special procedures.

THE EIGHTH floor will contain a 130-bed mental health nursing unit with the remaining half of the floor devoted to administrative offices for hospital and medical staff.

The surgical suite, containing nine operating rooms, is planned for the second floor.

Two of the operating rooms have been designed with provisions for X-ray and closed circuit television equipment. Also on the second floor will be the diagnostic radiology suite which will include a total of nine radiographic rooms — five for X-ray and four combined X-ray and fluoroscopy.

SPECIAL features on the first floor include an assembly room with a seating capacity of 200 people, a staff dining room which will seat 160 people, a conference-dining room adjacent to the staff dining room, and employees cooperative dining room with an adjoining kitchen and a seating capacity of 280. The central kitchen, located in the basement, will serve the cafeteria lines in the staff dining room and all nursing units.

Two of the hospital's most important departments, radiotherapy and radioisotope, will also be located on the basement level. The radiotherapy department will provide the potential for a 4- or 6-megavolt accelerator.

INCLUDED ON this level are the medical records section, central sterile supply, a manufacturing pharmacy, employee facilities, maintenance shops, and general storage.

The eight-story acute unit features horizontal strip windows with painted architectural concrete spandrels and exposed vertical columns. Horizontal aluminum sunshades will shield the south windows. The eight-story building is elevated on columns at the first floor to form a colonnade which will enable patients and visitors to enter both the public and admitting lobbies directly from their automobiles.

ACCENTS OF brick veneer will be used on the laboratory wing and outpatient clinic. Porcelain enameled window wall panels and filler brick wall will be used on the north elevation of the clinic to facilitate future expansion.

A 1000-automobile parking area will surround the building on three sides, providing parking for visitors and the 1800 staff members and employees who will serve the hospital, under the direction of Alfred L. Thomas, administrator.

## Slate Opening of New School for Slow Child

There's a new "Little Red Schoolhouse" at 1103 Tulita, Redondo Beach. This school, the South Bay school, is unique in that it is designed especially for children with learning problems. Specially designed cubicles provide private offices for each child. Here he can study without distraction, but is still observed by the teacher. Individualized audio-kinesthetic-visual instruction is given to all students, and there is a teacher.

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SOUTH BAY school will hold a public open house, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1961, from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m. Interested parents as well as teachers are cordially invited to get acquainted with the South Bay school, 1103 Tulita, Redondo Beach, FR 5-0469.

The director of the South Bay school, Warren H. Scherich, holds a masters degree from Long Beach State college. He also holds a state issued life

teaching credential, and has been studying or teaching in special education for seven years.

Before starting the South Bay school, Scherich taught in Bakersfield, Palos Verdes and Lennox. During his experiences teaching in the public school Scherich realized the need for a special school designed to educate the children who were unable to obtain an education in the crowded public classroom.

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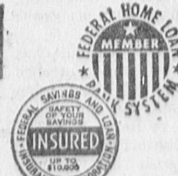
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