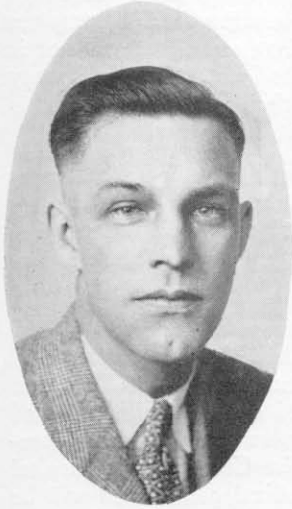


Contagious Hospital



JOHN D. MONROE
County Physician

UNTIL August 13, this year, the County maintained two contagious hospitals, one known as the Franklin Road, and the other as the Oakland Avenue Contagious Hospital. These were large residences rented for this purpose and, in spite of the many handicaps, served a good purpose.

The construction of these homes were such that patients could not be properly isolated and consequently mixed infections were very common.

A combined report from January 1, 1926, to August 13, 1926, shows a total of 303 patients admitted and spending a total of 6,435 days, an average of $27\frac{1}{2}$ days per patient.

The City of Pontiac furnished 198 patients; Pontiac Township, 7; Royal Oak Township, 74; Birmingham, 4; Berkley, 10; Bloomfield, 3; Troy, 1; South Lyon, 1; Clarkston, 1; Waterford, 1; Oxford, 1; Hazel Park, 1; Rochester, 1.

The diseases were divided as follows: Scarlet fever, 114; diphtheria, 55; pneumonia, 34; measles, 28; gonorrhoea, 31; erysipelas, 10; meningitis, 3; measles and pneumonia, 2; asthma and pneumonia, 1; scarlet fever and diphtheria, 3; influenza, 2; tuberculosis, 3; scarlet fever and meningitis, 1; syphilis, 5; strept throat, 2; typhoid fever, 1, and one not diagnosed.

The operating of the two hospitals necessitated a duplicate corps of nurses and equipment, and many cases had to be turned away at times when the infectious diseases were at their peak. Owing to this condition and the fact that Oakland County was growing by leaps and bounds, the new Oakland County Contagious Hospital was built.

The new hospital was opened July 28, 1926, for public inspection, and the old hospitals were discontinued August 8, 1926. This beautiful new structure is situated on a well isolated spot, on the new Telegraph Road. In fact, it will never be approached nearer than one-half mile on either side by residences, and yet it can be reached in seven minutes from the heart of the City of Pontiac.

The old County Farm was selected for this purpose which saved considerable in the cost of a site. Although it may seem some distance to many, it is very likely that Pontiac will completely surround it in the near future. The fact however, that it is well isolated is a very argument for its present location.



JAMES C. O'CONNOR
Superintendent

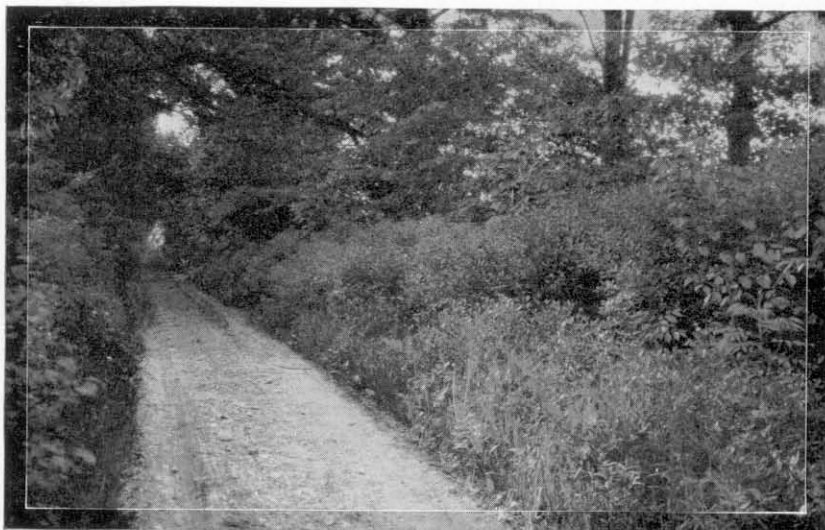
The newest features of the most modern contagious hospitals in the country have been incorporated in this building, and the equipment, is complete and of the best. Eighty patients can be accommodated at one time. Water is obtained for drinking and fire protection from deep wells located at the County Infirmary, and the gas for cooking and steam for heating and sterilization is also obtained from a modern and adequate plant at the Infirmary.

We maintain our own laundry which is very complete. Operative cases can be handled in our modern operating room and sterilization can be very thoroughly carried out. The main kitchen, in the basement, supplies the diet kitchens on each floor and all the necessary tray carts and service tables are complete.

The building is so constructed that additions can be made without marring the architectural beauty. In the near future the Nurse's Home will be constructed and the grounds beautified, and all Oakland County will be proud of this institution. Inasmuch as plans are being worked out to serve many of the County's indigent operative cases at the County Infirmary, which is completely equipped for this purpose and towards which the Contagious Hospital and staff will play a great part, we will have a great medical center and will be in a position to save the County considerable expense. At present most or all the County Surgical work is done outside of the city. A clinic could be established in all branches of work. This would not only benefit the general public but the physician as well.

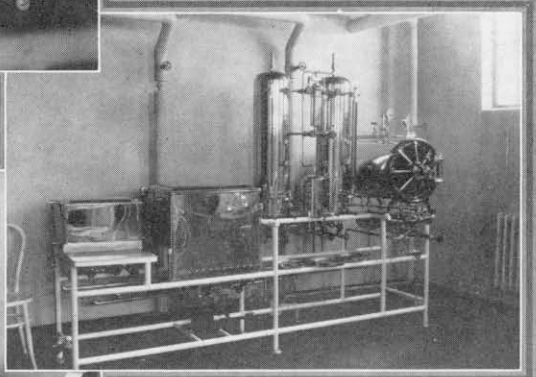
In the operating of the Contagious Hospital, private and County indigent cases will be accepted, private rooms will be available and all infectious diseases will be admitted. The management and the staff are more than anxious to co-operate with the physicians and health officers of the various cities and townships and the taxpayers of the entire County who made this necessary modern building possible.

JAMES C. O'CONNOR, Superintendent.





OAKLAND COUNTY'S CONTAGIOUS HOSPITAL



Interior Views of Oakland County Contagious Hospital

OPERATING ROOM
MEN'S WARD



DIET KITCHEN
EXAMINING ROOM

STERILIZING ROOM