

THE NEW NORTON COUNTY HOSPITAL



The new Norton County hospital, designed for adequacy of medical and surgical facilities, as well as beauty of structure, is the realization of years of planning and building by citizens with vision and determination.

The building of light brick finish is simple in architectural design which fits well into the surrounding plains area. Horizontal lines are emphasized throughout the two-story structure. Situated on a hilltop site, the hospital overlooks a rural area to the north and east and the city of Norton to the south and west. The enlarged hospital grounds provide ample parking space for staff members, visitors and ambulances.

Modern design also characterizes the interior. The walls of soft colors, attractive furniture of an individual design for each room, windows with wide views are conducive to the recuperation of patients. Adding to the attractiveness of the interior are corridor floors of terrazzo and inlaid linoleum and tiled walls of pastel shades.

The equipment for the operating, emergency, and delivery rooms is the latest in design. It meets all health standards of both state and federal inspection agencies. The equipment installed was specified to meet all kinds of medical and surgical needs.

Features have been included in the hospital plan to make hospital operation convenient and efficient. The location of the spacious business office, private rooms for the hospital superintendent and other staff members, an elevator, nurses' stations, an inter-communication system leading to all patients' rooms, and an illuminated key telephone system all contribute to making the Norton County hospital one of the most modern and best-equipped of any in this part of Kansas or southern Nebraska.

Included in the equipment are a Scanlon-Morris operating table, a Castle operating light, a General Electric X-ray machine, a Barnstead still and sterilizer, Scanlon-Morris sterilizers, a Scanlon-Morris delivery table, and other equipment, much of which is of aluminum steel and aluminum. All equipment and the building itself are fireproof throughout.

The modern kitchen, completely equipped with modern conveniences, is adequate for all needs. Conveniently located to it are the dining halls and the dietitian's office.

The 34-bed institution was built with funds from three sources. \$117,000 was made available through allocation of federal funds, which were matched two to one by funds raised by taxation in Norton county and by a subscription campaign carried on in Norton and through the wide area around which has long depended on Norton for medical and surgical care.