CORNERSTONE OF NEW HOSPITAL TO BE LAID TODAY

THE FUTURE EUGENE TALMADGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Today—Tuesday, Feb. 2—marks another significant milestone in the medical progress of the Medical College of Georgia and the state. The cornerstone of the 800-bed hospital will be laid in a ceremony participated in by the governor (for whose father the hospital was named), the Grand Masonic Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M., and many local and state medical and government leaders. The Masonic ceremonies are scheduled for 10 this morning, and the cornerstone rites at the site of the new building are to be held at 11 a.m. Gov. Herman Talmadge will present the principal address. The new hospital and its satellite buildings are being constructed at an expense of around $15,000,000 and will be completely modern in all respects. Construction was begun April 6 of last year. The George E. Fuller Construction Company of Washington, D. C. is handling the construction. The building was designed by Gregson and Ellis, Architects, of Atlanta.
GENESIS OF THE TALMADGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

DR. G. LOMBARD KELLY
President Emeritus

It has been said that where there is no vision the people perish. At the opening lectures of the Medical College of Georgia in 1837 Dr. Paul Fitzsimmons Eve pointed to the almost new medical school building and its fine appointments, then asked: “When you reflect that all the fruit of both what we, as not be promised in the future career of this school of medicine?”

The old city hospital that stood behind the old medical school building has long been razed and its brick linger in the walls that surround a large portion of the block. We remember the little house that stood next to the Richmond Academy grounds and housed the horse-drawn ambulance. Few know about the Flexner report on medical education in 1910 and the impact it had on the 150 medical schools and so-called medical schools that existed at that time. President Lombard Kelly said to the correct word for most of them, which were proprietary schools carrying on a hand-to-mouth existence. Entrance requirements were raised and about half of them eventually went out of existence.

But Dr. Eve’s question of more than a half a century before had to be answered. Dr. William H. Boughly led the school of medicine to its present campus, the renovation of the Newton Building for medical school purposes, the construction of the University Hospital, the employment of full-time preclinical teachers and the utilization of the state of Georgia.

There was ample clinical material for a long breathing spell, but the school had to be under the impact of the urgent need of physicians for the growing population and the armed forces. It became clear that the College had outgrown the University Hospital and that only a state supported hospital could provide the school with the number and variety of patients absolutely necessary for the very existence of the institution.

More recent history is better known. Twenty-five years ago and even as long ago as 1885, it may have sounded like a voice from the wilderness: “State Hospital, State Hospital, State Hospital,” but with the fifty percent increase in students and the part time medical schools and the state Health Department its time was running out. The College had outgrown the University Hospital and that only a state supported hospital could provide the school with the number and variety of patients absolutely necessary for the very existence of the institution.

The New State Hospital and MCG

By DR. EDGAR R. PUND
President

The building of a state hospital with medical control vested in the board of Regents has been a critical part of the history of our institution. The utilization of the hospital under complete control of the faculty will enable the medical college to increase its enrollment, which in turn will necessitate an increase in the future. Provisions are now being made by the Governor and the budget bureau to finance the hospital and thereby contribute toward the compensation of the faculty members who will be responsible for the welfare of patients. The Board of Regents by giving the responsibility of the hospital upon its completion has assured us of its support. We therefore now have a wonderful opportunity to support and use the legislature and thereby expand its services to the state of Georgia.

The major portion of the faculty will be on a full-time basis and research activities will be conducted in all departments. It is the hope of the administration that in the near future definitive action will reflect the advantages which will be brought to our institution by securing this hospital.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Rufus Payne as part of the administration. His success in hospitals and as a student of medical education in 1910 and the impact this hospital will be on a full-time basis and research activities will be conducted in all departments. It is the hope of the administration that in the near future definitive action will reflect the advantages which will be brought to our institution by securing this hospital.

McG and the citizens of the state are greatly in debt to the Board of Regents who conceived and carried out the present plans for the new hospital. With such wise and farsighted medical and state leaders we shall have a state hospital that will be a credit to the state of Georgia.

The Cadaver expresses its gratitude to Drs. Kelly, Pund, Payne, and O’Rear for their contributions to the Cornerstone Edition. These distinguished gentlemen are vitally involved with the new hospital and its future relation to McG.

On Their 35th Anniversary

She: “You used to hold my hand,” (and so he took her hand).
She: “You used to kiss me,” (and so he gave her a kiss and said, “Now be quiet, I want to go to sleep.”)
He: “You used to bite my neck.”
He got up and she said, “Where are you going?”
She: “To get my teeth.”

Let’s be fair with the medics. Get yourself a good physician and stick with him till you die.

If you like shaggy dog stories, consider the case of the man who said he missed seeing the eclipse of the moon because he was out of town.

The tiny little wife dragged her drinking husband into court and demanded a divorce instantly. Trying to pacify her, the judge asked if her husband ever tried Alcoholics Anonymous. The frail woman dabbed at her eyes and said, “I guess so, your honor. He’ll drink anything.”

A man standing on Gwinnett St. was talking to an elderly Negro man.

“What kind of work do you do, Rastus?”

“I owns a hand laundry. I does.”

“Where is it located?”

“Shee comes now!”

We don’t know where this one came from, but we wish it hadn’t: Two kangaroos jumped into each other’s pockets and were never seen again.

First Little Boy (in hospital ward): “Are you medical or surgical?”
Second Little Boy: “I don’t know—what does that mean.”

First Boy (disgusted): “Were you sick when you came or did they make you sick after you got here?”

Lake received quite a sizable check for a cigarette testimonial, but had to spend most of it with a throat specialist.

The man fell from the sixth floor. A crowd gathered around him as he lay on the sidewalk. A cop pushed his way through—learned that a man had jumped from a window. “What’s the devil do you mean, smoking five feet?” they demanded.

The guy shrugged his shoulders. “Not me,” he said. “I never smoke.”

“Well then,” bawled the firemen, “who the blank blanket set this so-and-so place on fire?”

“Search me,” says the wino. “How should I know? It was burning when I went to bed.”

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On April 5, 1953 the large vacant area between Hall’s Half Acre and Fifteenth Street was a barren field adorned with weeds, corn stalks, and debris. The following day heavy earth-moving machines rumbled across the field, the foundation was broken, and construction of the long-dreamed-of modern state hospital was underway. Since April construction of the Eugene Talmadge Memorial Hospital and its satellite structures has progressed according to schedule and today we see a formerly empty plot of land that has been transformed into a scene of dynamic progress by a massive network of steel girders advancing skyward.

This morning we observe an important ceremony in the history of the embryonic hospital—the cornerstone laying. The governor, the Masons, and a number of medical and state government dignitaries will do the honors as MCG looks on with pride and thinks of the future. It won’t be long before MCG will have one of the finest and most modern teaching hospitals in the South, and the people of Georgia will be benefited by greatly extended and improved medical care. Truly it is a dream fast approaching reality.

MCQ and the citizens of the state are greatly in debt to the farsighted medical and state leaders who conceived and carried out the numerous plans for the new hospital. With such wise and progressive leadership and support the future of the medical college is indeed bright.
A HOSPITAL FOR STUDENTS OF MEDICINE

By DR. RUFUS F. PAYNE
Superintendent, Eugene Talmadge Memorial Hospital

A teaching hospital has long been a part of all of the American medical schools of Georgia who were interested in the Medical College of Georgia and its students and the dominant personality who has continued to be active in many activities. When it appeared that all hopes were doomed has been Dr. G. Lombard Kelly. He has always urged the construction of a hospital which would serve as a teaching center for all types of students both undergraduate and graduate.

With construction underway and the cornerstone to be laid, it is well that we review the plans of the EUGENE TALMADGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL to see if it meets the needs of a teaching hospital. It is hoped that this hospital will be able to observe the latest surgical techniques with the immediate postoperative care.

The X-ray section has all the diagnostic equipment needed for complete radiological study of patients with adequate room for the students to observe advanced techniques. A laboratory for radio-isotopes is included which will make possible an ever increasing knowledge of how these materials may be used in study, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

Teaching hospitals have been designed whereby there will be adequate space for each student to make the tests required, under supervision of an orderly and logical presentation of medical and scientific data. Teaching does not consist in merely showing the medical science and clinical departments.
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AT MCG
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Cussion. Unfortunately, clinical conferences turn into didactic lectures. Seminars and clinical conferences in conjunction with laboratory exercises and ward rounds conducted in small groups with free student participation have been found very effective in medical teaching. Supervised work with patients, of course, is the most effective method. In this school, although there has been a trend towards small group teaching, too many hours are still devoted to didactic lectures and large clinical conferences. As an example, in the third year curriculum 345 of the 1,117 hours are full class didactic lectures.

THE FACULTY: Again, many of these faults in curriculum will be corrected with the addition of more full time faculty members and adequate teaching facilities, particularly conference rooms.

THE STUDENT: With an increase in the student body to approximately 100 per class more and better students must be attracted to this school. The selection of students must be done with great care, so that the increase in student enrollment does not reflect a lowering of scholastic standards. The student himself must realize his duties to the school, his classmates, and as a prospective physician. He should always take advantage of the facilities for increasing his knowledge of medicine.

Many improvements can be made in the grading or assessment of the student's potentialities as a physician. Any such assessment should include not only scholastic standing, but personality, integrity, ability to reason logically, and leadership qualities as well.

Recreational facilities for students should be improved. The importance of proper and adequate recreation in improving the morale and scholarship should not be forgotten. Adequate lounges and game rooms would be a good beginning. A gymnasium with facilities for basketball, swimming, handball, and other sports would be a great asset to the school.

In conclusion, although medical education in the Medical College of Georgia is more than adequate at the present, many improvements cannot be made overnight and the construction of new buildings will not eliminate all of our deficiencies. The understanding, cooperation, and active participation of faculty, students, and alumni will be needed in the making of this potentially great medical center.

You can run into debt, but from there on you have to crawl.

The colored hair fad has got to go. Too many women are blueing their top.

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