



Merrill-Park Health Care Center--

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Dedication ceremonies for the new Merrill-Park Health Care Center at the Mayflower Home, located at First Ave. and Park St., will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday. The new center was built with

funds from the estates of two women associated with the Mayflower Home. Construction began in September of last year.

Health Center Dedication Set

The board of trustees of the Mayflower Home will dedicate the new Merrill-Park Health Care Center at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 12, it has been announced.

Construction of the center, located at the corner of First Ave. and Park St., began in September, 1969, with Gethmann Construction Co. of Gladbrook as general contractor, Ritter Plumbing and Heating of Grinnell as mechanical contractor, and Armstrong Electric of Grinnell as electrical contractor.

Nursing Care

The new health center will provide Mayflower Home residents with the "finest nursing care possible" in a facility which has been designed to meet "the highest standards of the future," according to Mayflower executive director Harris Stafford.

Included in the planning and

design are modern private and double rooms with nurse call telephone and television available to each patient. There will also be a complete fire alarm system and a standby electrical generator.

The health center will initially accommodate a maximum of 12 patients, although it can be expanded to 20, Stafford said. The 65- by 68-foot structure will be ready for use the latter part of July.

Persons taking part in the dedication service include the Rev. Newell E. Davis, pastor of the United Church of Christ—Congregational of Grinnell; the Rev. Carl F. Kemper, West Burlington, president of the Mayflower board of trustees; Albert Bollhoefer, Newton, a member of the board of trustees; Carleton Baker, Decorah, another trustee; Mrs. Homer McDonough, R.N., head of nursing

services; and Fr. Michael Tan Creti, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grinnell.

Estate Funds

The new health care center will be dedicated to the memory of two women who "shared their concern for the program of the Mayflower Home," Stafford said. They are Lucia E. Merrill of Alden, Iowa, and Bertha Park Baldwin of the Mayflower Home. Both left sizeable portions of their estates to the Mayflower Home, funds of which were invested in the health center.

The Ruth D. Noer Lounge in the health center will be dedicated as a part of the service. Dr. Sara Ann Brown has provided furnishings for the lounge in memory of her friend and late apartment mate, Ruth D. Noer.

Sunday's dedication is open to the public.