

Ceremonies Set For Feb. 10, 11, --

New Hospital Open House Scheduled

New Unit Is Completed After 13-Month Construction Period

A "grand open house" for the new facilities at Grinnell General Hospital West has been scheduled for Feb. 10 and 11, according to Frank Chrisbens, hospital administrator.

Chrisbens said the general public is invited to the open house, set for 1 p.m. both days. The new facilities will be open for public inspection until 5 p.m. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony at the north entrance to the new building will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday to inaugurate the new facilities constructed over the past 13 months. Ground-breaking ceremonies took place Dec. 5, 1966.

To Officiate

L. G. Keeney, president of the hospital board of trustees, will officiate at the ceremony. A representative from the architectural firm of Thorson-Brom-Brosnar of Waterloo will present the completed structure to the community.

Members of the hospital's ladies auxiliary will conduct tours of the new building both days. Members of the hospital staff will be in their respective departments to discuss their new areas with all the tour groups.

Contractors

Construction on the facility began in December of 1966 after bids were received and contracts

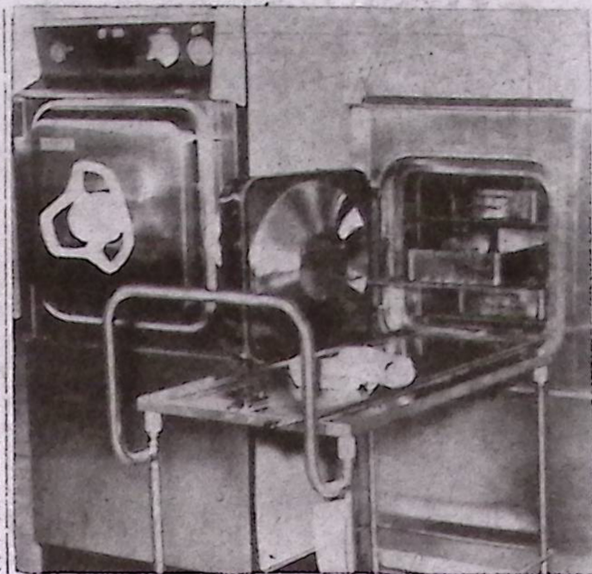
signed with R. D. Stewart of Marshalltown for the general construction; Armstrong Electric of Grinnell, was the electrical contractor, and Universal Climate Control of Iowa City handled the mechanical work. American Sterilizer Co. of Erie, Pa., provided sterilizing equipment; Schumacher Elevator Co. of Denver, Ia., installed the elevators; and Hockenbergs Fixture and Supply of Des Moines installed the kitchen equipment.

The new building will include an emergency room, a covered ambulance entrance, x-ray facilities and equipment, a clinical laboratory, an EKG and blood donor room, a surgical suite, a three-bed recovery room for post-operative patients, a central supply area, a labor room, rooms for new mothers, a delivery room, a nursery, an administrative area, a kitchen, a dining room, the ladies auxiliary gift shop, and a mechanical area.

"This open house will mark the completion of the first new hospital facilities in Grinnell in over 45 years," remarked Chrisbens. "All areas are now receiving the final detailed attention to be ready for the public tours."

The structure is a 22,000-sq. ft. building costing \$600,000.

A series of events will lead up to the public open house. On Feb. 5, members of the hospital's



STERILIZERS—These gleaming new autoclaves, recently purchased for the new addition to Grinnell General Hospital West, will be in use soon. An open house at the new building is scheduled for Feb. 10-11

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ladies auxiliary will tour the new facilities, and on Feb. 6 there will be a dinner for trustees, regular medical staff members, and their spouses.

Lady volunteers who will conduct tours during the public open house will meet with Chrisbens and other staff members Feb. 7, and all hospital employees and their families will have their own open house Feb. 8.



Open house set at hospital--

Ceremonies will be held this weekend to commemorate the new patient wings at Grinnell General Hospital. Governor Robert D. Ray will

take part in ceremonies scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday (March 21). 1970