

Ingerson, Dennison Design

Silvered Caduceus Hung On Medical Center Bldg.

Open this week is the \$75,000 addition to the Ness building on the corner of Main Street and High School court.

The building contains four office units and a pharmacy in its 5299 square feet.

The medical offices occupied by Dr. A. R. Ness and Dr. Edgar La Veque in the original building have been expanded in the new section.

Two oral surgeons, Dr. Leo J. Abate and Dr. Wm. H. Justi have their offices in the new section. Orthodontist Dr. Elgin Jackson will open a branch office there soon. His main office is in San Jose.

The original Ness building, constructed in 1948, contained 1800 square feet.

On the main street corner of the addition, is a prescription pharmacy, of which John Savage is the proprietor. The pharmacy is open this week.

Architecture of the building is highlighted by a four and a half foot replica of the Caduceus.

Famed artists Frank Ingerson and George Dennison, who are noted around the world for their Ark of the Covenant permanently displayed in Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco, designed the Caduceus for the Ness building. Ed G. Eckel of Hollywood, father of Mrs. William Home of Los Gatos, carved the Caduceus, and Ingerson and Dennison finished it.

Giant strides have been taken under the Caduceus and all further victories on the basic health of society will bear this symbol.

In proud use as an emblem of the medical profession is the Caduceus, the winged staff around which two serpents are entwined. This staff is an offshoot of the Staff of Hermes-Mercury, God of trade, and the Messenger of the Gods. The Caduceus is worn today by administrative personnel of the U.S. Army Medical Corps to indicate non-combat status in time of war. The same medical corps has used the Aesculapian Staff as a coat of arms since 1818.

The Aesculapian Staff is traced to the magicians wand used by the early Egyptians and by Moses. This staff is without wings and one serpent around it.

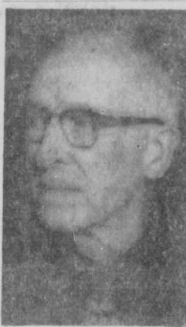
In almost all civilizations the serpent has come to be accepted as a symbol of healing power. The snakes annual custom of shedding its skin has been taken as proof of its ability to renew its life and indeed to live eternally.

In the time of the Olympian Gods the heald wand carried by the messenger of the Gods Mercury (Roman) and Hermes (Greek) had magic power and was used to lull sleep, awaken, or raise the dead.



CADUCEUS—Two world famed Los Gatos artists, Frank Ingerson and George Dennison, designed this Caduceus for the newly-opened Ness building in Los Gatos. The silvered wings-cepter hangs on the Main street side of the building.

—Times-Observer photo.



GEORGE DENNISON



FRANK INGERSON

Quotes From The News

By United Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.: Walter S. Robertson, assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs, announcing that he knows of no plan for the United States to recognize Red China:

—"By every standard of national and international conduct, China under its present regime is an outlaw nation."

WASHINGTON: Chairman

were trying to help in the search. People are stirred up. Housewives are frightened and are keeping their doors locked. Men have armed themselves for protection."

RENO, Nev.: Lee Frankovich, manager of the Riverside Hotel, describing a section of downtown Reno wrecked by three gas explosions:

"The street was littered with debris and bodies. I'm sure some of them were dead. It was complete havoc."

KANSAS CITY, Mo.: Former President Truman minimizing