

Hospital Expenses Increase

want to return to the days—back to the late '30's when things gotten for a lot less

are one of the many people continually complain in the good old days were much cheaper," you get some startling facts figures released a short by medical authorities. that prices 15 or even years ago in some things higher than now. figures released deal with a hospital stay during 1888 and 1948. They ex- an appendectomy today than it was 15 years

stance back in 1938 when had chronic appendicitis "shelling out" \$3.50 in cold cash, and some 21 days in the hos- is if things went to suit Today, though, the pa- only called on for a \$99 day, and on the average the hospital five days.

st per day in the institu- ty, however, exceeds the years ago. Today the hos- pital manager general- around \$19.80 per day day stay compared to '38. However, with the

Automatic Machinery Washes And Sterilizes Dishes At The Hospital



The latest type equipment is used for washing and sterilizing all dishes and glasses at the Haywood County Hospital. This newest equipment is part of the expansion and modernization program. (Mountaineer Photo).

Patients Have Many Comforts At Hospital

Patients entering the new Haywood County Hospital will find that special care was taken in building plans and construction to provide for their comfort.

From the time the patient enters the hospital and gives his history at the admitting office until he is discharged to return home, he finds

many scientific devices installed in the hospital for his comfort and speedy recovery.

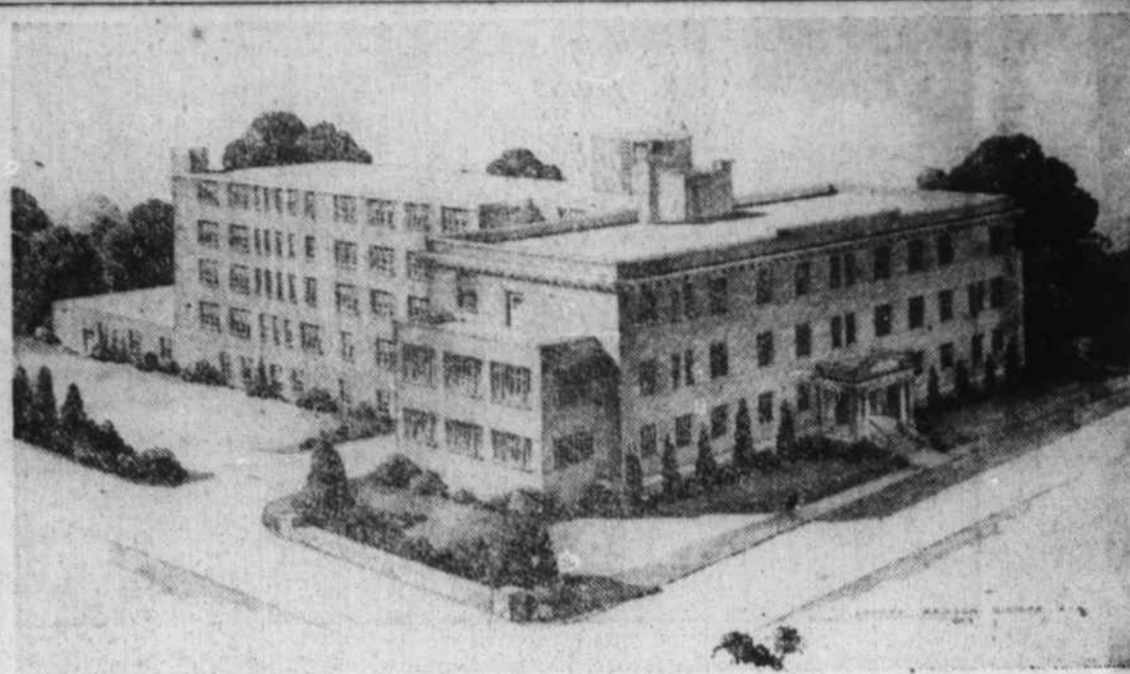
An over-bed table is placed over each bed. This table can be raised or lowered by the patient himself and contains two panels which open up with mirrors on the inside for

the patient's use. Beneath these panels there is a small tray to hold toilet articles.

Near each bed there is a small table containing a wash basin and personal effects. Dressers are also installed in the rooms.

Some rooms contain shower baths. Double rooms have showers and bathing facilities are installed on the floors for use of those in multiple-bed rooms.

A U. S. Senator must be at least 30.



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progress of medical science to- percentage of the time in the hos- patient.

52-Day Stay
In 1888 the report shows that the cost per patient day in the hospital was even lower. Then the sufferer paid only \$1.09 on an average for his sojourn in one of the better wards. Then, though, a patient could depend on remaining 52 days under the doctor's and nurse's care.

Then too, the '88 patient averaged around \$852 yearly take home pay, while today he is averaging \$2,500, less tax, naturally. In 1888 the patient lost 64 days from an ordinary sickness requiring hospitalization, while today he gets by with only 26 days missed.

Going even further in the outcome of patients in grandfather's days and today the figures show that he needed to work 20 days just to pay his hospital bill while the citizen of 1948 could pay his in 19 days. Worse though, granddad lost 44 days while in his sickness while we lost only around seven days.

Tables explaining the cost of an appendectomy in 1948 compared

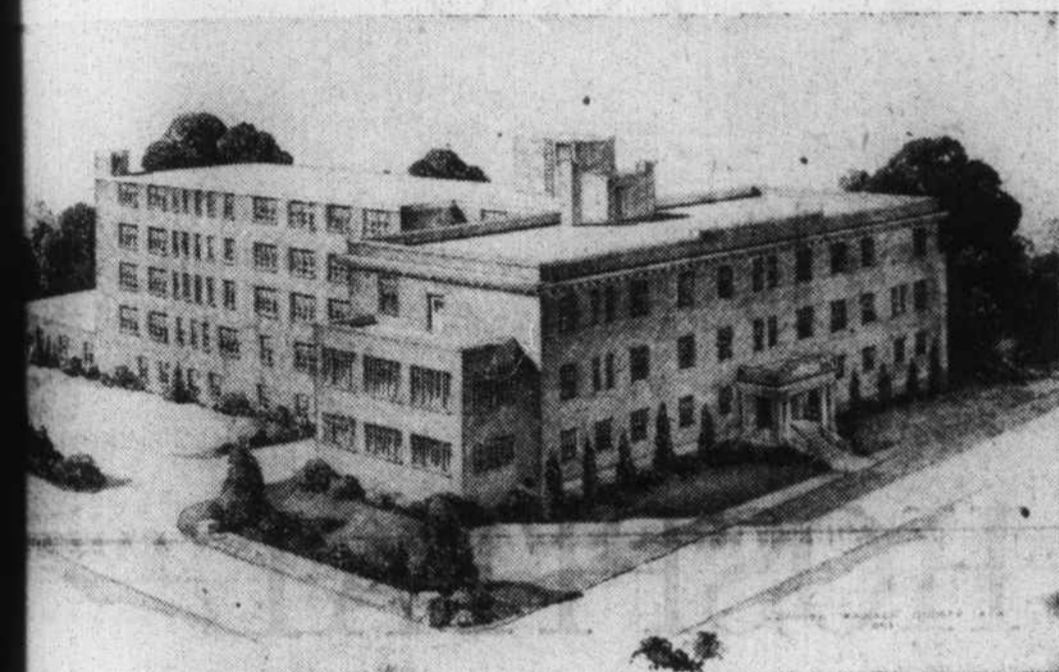
with 1938 show:	
1938	
Cost at \$4 per day	\$ 84.00
Operating room	10.00
Anaesthesia	17.50
Dressing	1.00
Laboratory	3.50
Pathology	5.00
Medicine	5.00
TOTAL	\$113.50

1948	
Cost at \$7.50 per day	\$37.50
Operating room	17.50
Anaesthesia	17.50
Dressing	3.50
Pharmacy	9.00
Laboratory	6.50
Pathology	7.50
TOTAL	\$99.50

Hospital Door Problem

MARBLEHEAD, Mass. (AP) — An "open door" policy has delayed the opening of the new hospital in this town—by the delivery of some doors of the wrong size and the non-delivery of others.

The hospital building committee now estimates that the new hospital will open its doors about Labor Day.



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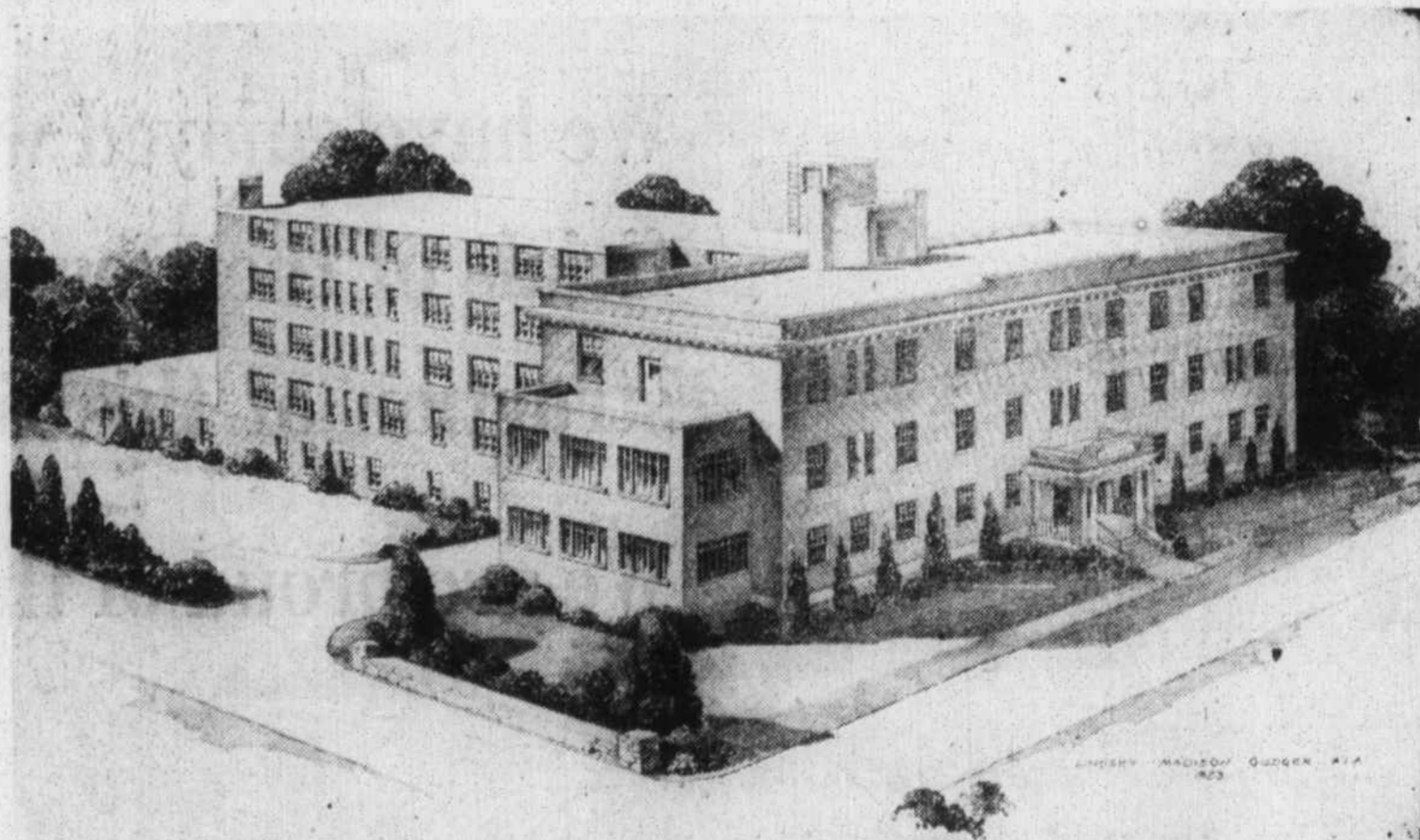
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