

Mrs. Aberhart Opens Memorial Sanatorium

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EDMONTON, Feb. 20 (CP)—Mrs. William Aberhart, widow of the first Social Credit Premier, at a private ceremony Wednesday night officially opened the Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium on the University of Alberta campus here.

The \$3,000,000 building is acclaimed one of the most modern hospitals in North America and has every conceivable device for the comfort and convenience of patients. It was constructed in memory of the late William Aberhart, Premier of Alberta from 1935 until his death in May 1943.

The hospital, when in full operation, will serve tuberculosis patients from all parts of northern Alberta. More than 360 patients are expected to be moved into the sanatorium in the near future.

Maintaining headquarters at the hospital are Dr. G. E. Davison, medical director of the Tuberculosis Division of Prevention and Control

for all of Alberta, and Dr. H. H. Stephens, medical superintendent of the Aberhart Hospital. A staff of more than 150 will look after the patients.

Full facilities for treatment of tuberculosis patients are to be found on the four floors of the building. Ninety percent of the wards face toward the south, providing a maximum of sunlight for the patients and corridors and wards are painted in soft shades of blue, green and yellow.

Sixty shades of coloring were used in painting the interior of the building. Everything has been done to eliminate annoying little sounds which might disturb patients.

BLINDS CAN'T FLAP

Blinds on windows are bordered with a stiff wire frame so they cannot flap and divert the patients while they are resting. Hooks are inserted on the doors in place of door-knobs. Rubber-tile floors eliminate the sound of visitors and nurses walking up and down the corridors.

Radios will not be allowed in the building but programs will be channelled to the patients over a special network operated from a central control room. "Pillow phones" which the patient can place on or under his pillow, will transmit programs to the listener without disturbing his neighbors.

Equipment in the building includes a dentist's office, an \$18,000 X-ray machine and many smaller X-ray units, full kitchen facilities and numerous other things.

SUNDECK ON ROOF

The roof of the building has been converted to a sundeck. The head nurse on each floor will work in a glass-partitioned office from which she can see the full distance up and down each corridor.

Even the exit lights on doors are painted a subdued shade of red.