

# St. Anthony's Hospital

(Editor's note: In May, 1949, the St. Anthony's hospital building committee launched a final fund drive for funds for the new St. Anthony's hospital. The Frontier signalled the start with an editorial reproduced below.

Every progressive community like O'Neill is always at work on various projects. Such communities have various "irons in the fire," as the saying goes. They are continually reaching out and branching out. No matter how much they have accomplished in the line of municipal endeavor in the past, they are not satisfied. Their eyes are upon higher goals.

A nationwide survey, we believe, would prove that statement to be true. Travel up and down the country, visit cities and towns in all parts of the United States, explore every nook-and-corner of every section of it and that fact would be obvious. You may pass through some communities year-after-year and observe little or no change—they appear to be at a standstill—and you may pass through others and find them constantly changing and improving.

Projects spell progress. When you find a city or town which is doing things, you find a city or town which is on the march. It is not satisfied with its past achievements, but is ambitious to achieve more and greater things. It has its eyes on a certain goal and it is striving mightily to reach that goal.

Of course, that doesn't mean that every ambitious community will be able to attain all its objectives—to realize all its visions. Some of its goals may be impracticable and some may be unattained, but that is beside the point. The idea is that every progressive community has these dreams, visions and ambitions and its progress is commensurate with its efforts to make them come true.

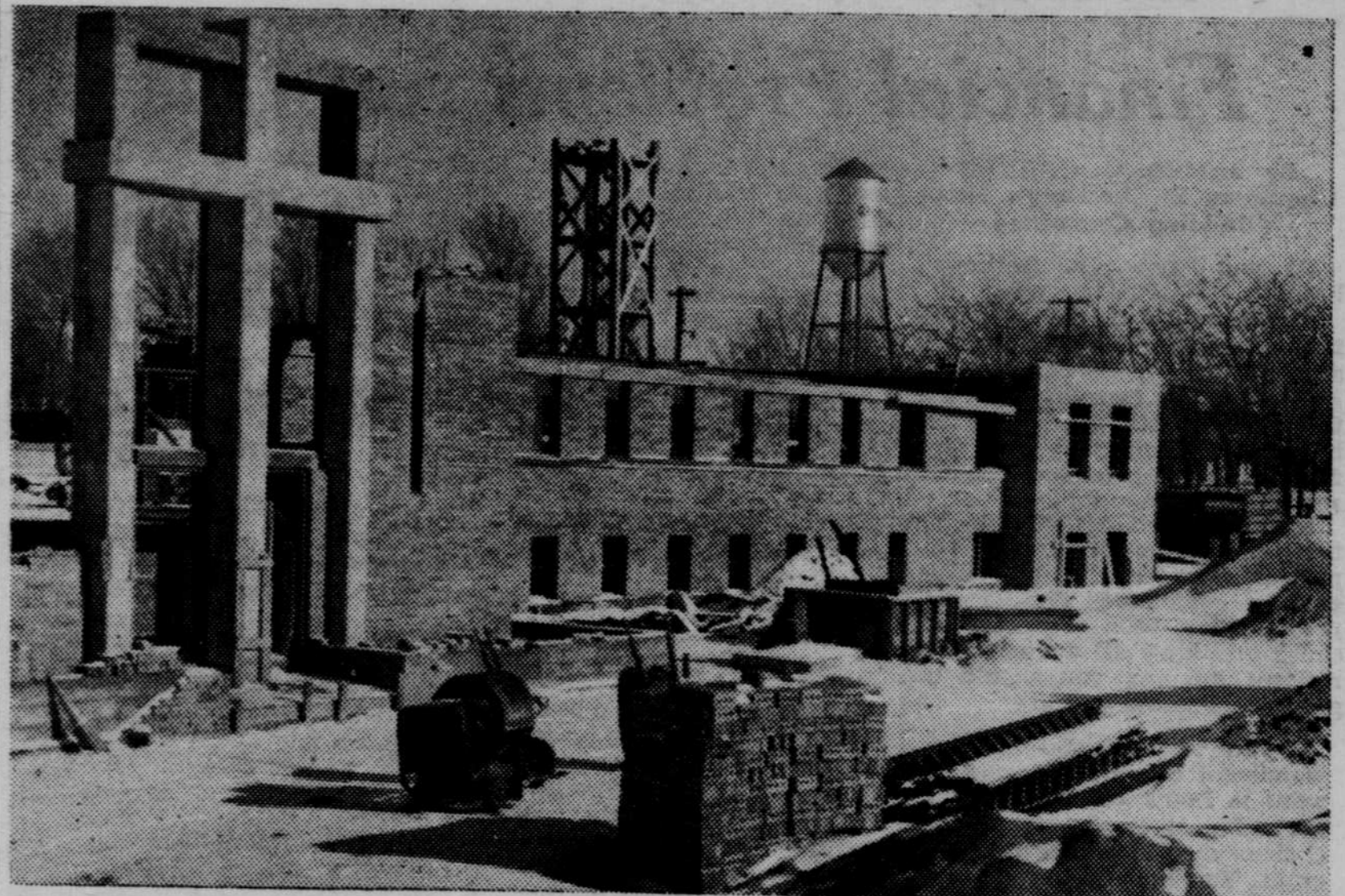
The Frontier believes this to be true of O'Neill. O'Neill is a progressive city, an up-and-coming city. It has dreams, visions, goals and objectives and that fact is the reason for its quite remarkable growth, expansion and development in the past. It has made remarkable progress, especially in recent months and years, and this progress is noted even by casual visitors.

One of the most important projects in which the people of O'Neill are actively interested at the present time is the proposed multi-thousand dollar St. Anthony's hospital. This great undertaking has been under consideration for some time and has slowly but surely been assuming concrete form. The idea has passed out of the stage of discussion into the stage of reality.

St. Anthony's hospital is intended to be an institution transcending in purpose all community bounds. It is intended to serve the Sand Hills area. But, because O'Neill will be the site of the magnificent new hospital, O'Neillites are obligated to bear the brunt of the load, and to show the way.

The idea of a new, modern, adequate hospital for this city is definitely in accord with the trend of the times. There never was a time when hospitalization was such a vital issue in the United States as it is today. Following World War II, with its terrible toll of wounded, maimed and crippled and as the result of the ever increasing number of automobile and other serious accidents, the need of greater facilities along this line has become imperative.

New hospitals are being built everywhere, old hospitals are



This is a view of St. Anthony's as the super-structure looked with the first appearance of the second story in 1951. The camera is looking to the northeast.

being enlarged and hospital facilities are being improved. O'Neill is keeping in step with the trend of the times and it is gratifying to know that this great project is gathering momentum and preliminary technicalities are being ironed out. The new hospital will be in charge of the Sisters of St. Francis, who have donated the land and have agreed to assume any reasonable indebtedness.

The strategic importance of this community as the site of a large, up-to-date hospital is emphasized by the fact that there are no comparable facilities closer than Sioux City, Norfolk and Grand Island. In Norfolk, anyway, hospital facilities are acutely inadequate as proved by expansion plans in progress there.

Sioux City, Norfolk and Grand Island are a considerable distance away and the desirability of a local institution is obvious. Apart from compassionate and humanitarian reasons, it would be a big asset to O'Neill, would bring more business to town, and add to its prestige.

Speaking of the trend of the times toward more and better hospital facilities, it is interesting to observe how this demand is asserting itself in cities and towns all over the country. This is particularly true of the big cities. In cities like Chicago and New York, new hospitals are constantly being built and old ones enlarged and improved.

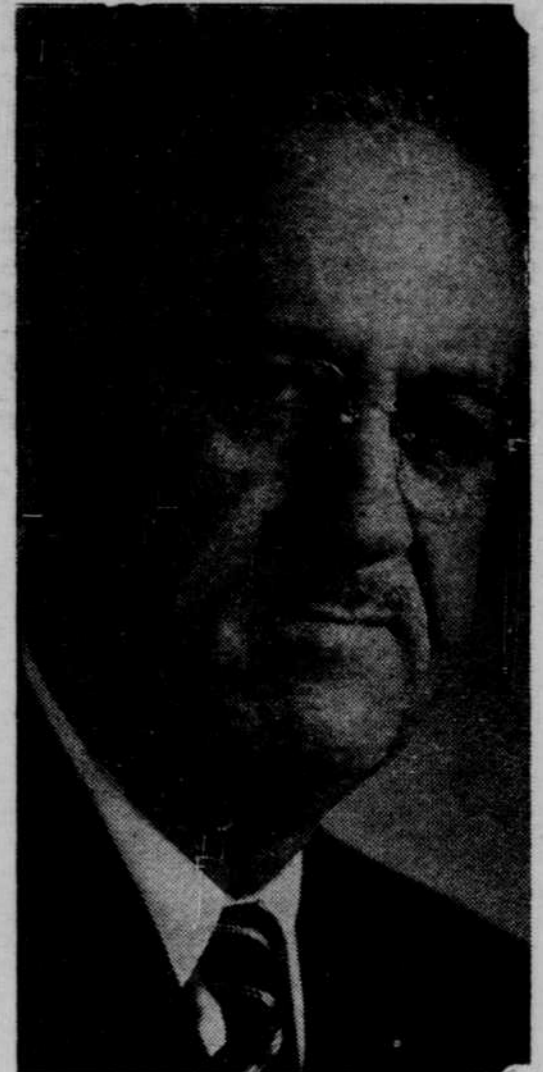
Ambitious hospital projects are underway at Neligh, Tilden, Norfolk, West Point and Oakland—to mention only a few neighboring towns.

The Frontier sincerely believes that when the hospital is completed and put in operation, all of us will legitimately ask ourselves: "How did we manage to get along without it?" The answer, of course, is simple: "We didn't."

Events have been developing swiftly in recent weeks as the hospital move has been revived for the third and final time. James M. Corke, a highly successful businessman in O'Neill during his 10 years here, has been made chairman of the building committee. He was given a rousing vote of confidence in a public meeting. The Sisters of St. Francis from their national headquarters have officially designated the hospital St. Anthony's.

O'Neill marches on and top priority is St. Anthony's hospital. All possibility of failure long since has been dismissed and stricken from the record.

St. Anthony's hospital will be a reality.



**METHODIST TO SPEAK . . .**  
Rev. J. Laverne Jay (above), Northeast Nebraska district superintendent of the Methodist church, will participate in the dedicatory rites for St. Anthony's hospital. Reverend Jay, whose district extends from Valentine to South Sioux City, came to O'Neill in 1951. The Sisters of St. Francis and Methodists both have new hospitals at Scottsbluff.

*Congratulations*

TO

**St. Anthony's**

We are immeasurably proud of this fine new hospital as it takes a position of preeminence in our community.

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**St. Anthony's Is Fireproof —**

The possibility of fire in the new St. Anthony's hospital is slight. An all fireproof structure is abetted by the presence of fireproof fixtures wherever practical inside the building. Patients will be allowed to smoke inside their rooms probably with no fear of seeing the drapes and sashes igniting.

Should a fire break out in one of the rooms in the basement, fireproof doors are shut to prevent its spreading. The few but tragic cases in the history of hospital fires will have no repetition in St. Anthony's.

**Hospital Food Fit for King —**

"Isn't that a dainty dish to set before a king?" The dainty dish will be more than that. It should be delicious, coming as it does from the finest in hospital cuisine at St. Anthony's.

Modern facilities and choice menus are standard equipment for the hospital's genial and capable cook, Sister M. Fara, OSF.

**Green Color Reduces Glare —**

The predominant color in the modernly equipped operating room of the hospital is misty green. It has been rather recently established that this color reduces glare to a minimum. Even the hospital gowns, caps, and masks of the surgeons and the attendants will be green to further effectiveness.

*Congratulations*

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**ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL**



We take a special pride on this occasion to congratulate the SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS upon the dedication of O'Neill's magnificent new hospital. We deem it a real privilege to be of service to the SISTERS and to the many folks who will be coming to O'Neill relying on ST. ANTHONY'S for their well being.

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