

\$60,000 Hospital Wing Completed During 1962

City Facility Has Witnessed Steady Growth

Formal opening of the Gladewater Municipal Hospital's new \$60,000 wing was held during the past year and brought the total to \$145,000 of expenditures on the improvement of the medical facility during the past six years.

The new wing, located adjacent to the existing building on the west side facing West Uphur, was built at a cost of \$32,000 for construction and \$8,000 for equipment.

It includes a dietary department, kitchen, dining room, patient rooms, nurses' lounge, storage facilities, and was built so that the addition of a second floor will be possible when the need arises.

Five private rooms are situated in the new wing, bringing the total patient capacity of the hospital to 50. Should the need arise for more patient space, two of the private rooms in the new wing are large enough that they could easily be converted into semi-private rooms.

The dietary department is constructed of white tile and is one of the most completely equipped departments of its kind to be found anywhere in the southwest in a hospital of comparable size. Located adjacent to the dietary department is the all stainless steel kitchen which includes the dietitian's office.

The old dietary department was converted into an area providing one private patient room, a sitting room, housekeeping department and medical records room.

An important addition in the new wing is the dining room where employees assemble for meetings and where members of the hospital board hold business sessions.

Other significant improvements made during the past six years have included the installation of an elevator, piped oxygen, emergency power plant, new X-Ray machine and other equipment.

The new X-Ray machine was purchased at a cost of \$11,000 and is a General Electric 200 M.A. It is equipped with a motor driven table with two rotating anode tubes which cost \$1,000 each, a fluoroscopy unit complete with a spot film device and all the latest automatic features to insure dependable operation.

Another outstanding addition to the technical facilities is the Coleman Spectrophotometer and the Flame Photometer which is a rarity in hospitals of this size.

The Spectrophotometer is calibrated to accurately measure all chemical content of the blood. The Flame Photometer, using a flame of gas and oxygen mixture, measures the sodium, potassium and calcium content of the blood.

An emergency power plant was installed at the hospital in 1957. It consists of two Wisconsin air cooled engines which will generate enough electricity to maintain hospital lights and equipment in the event of a power failure from the main source.

The hospital is governed by a board of directors appointed by the city commission and administrator is Ben McHenry who assumed his duties here about six years ago.



Gladewater Municipal Hospital

City Has Modern, Adequate Facilities

GLADEWATER, located in Gregg County in the eastern section of Texas, with its modern and adequate facilities for industrial and commercial endeavors, worship, education, recreation, offers an ideal climate for new and established industry.

THIS PROGRESSIVE city, considered the gateway to East Texas, is situated in one of the best transportation areas in the entire area. U. S. 80 crosses the heart of Gladewater going east to coast, east to west.

U. S. 271 SERVES as a main street in downtown Gladewater, going north to south. State Highway 135 branches off 271 to the southeast across the Sabine River from the city, and connects FM 2207. State Highway 135 also connects Gladewater with Kilgore.

FOR SHIPPING AND traveling, there is the Texas and Pacific Railroad which bisects the city, the Greyhound and Continental Bus Lines, and the Gregg County Airport is located on a few minutes' drive from the town.

GLADEWATER'S ASSESSED valuations are based upon a ratio of 33 1/3 per cent of actual valuations. Among cities of 5,000 population, Gladewater has a lower tax structure.

TAX RATES (per \$100 valuation) of the various taxing agencies include the following:

City, \$2.50; school district, \$1.42; county, \$1.25; and state, \$4.2.

THESE CITY TAXES are used to support a police department, fire department, city garbage pickup and various other city interests.

TWO OUTSTANDING and progressive financial institutions represent the City of Gladewater: the First State Bank and Gladewater Federal Savings and Loan Association.

A SOURCE of great pride in Gladewater is the fine school system which serves parts of Gregg, Smith and Uphur counties, and is recognized state-wide and nationally for its outstanding academic and special activities program.

MORE THAN 70 per cent of the

teachers in the school system have master's degrees and an average of 15 years' teaching experience. For every 18 students in the system there is a teacher.

SCHOOL PLANS include two high schools and three elementary schools.

HOSPITAL and clinic facilities in the city are well above the national average. The city and its residents are served by the Gladewater Municipal Hospital, Leake Hospital and Clinic, Hancock Hospital and Clinic, Hart Hospital and Clinic, Bloom Clinic and Moser-Nichols Clinic.

THESE FINE medical facilities provide a total bed capacity of about 200. The ratio of five hospital beds per 1,000 population is far exceeded in Gladewater.

WATER in the Gladewater area is abundant. More than a million gallons of water in storage in the filtration plant, two billion and six million gallons in Lake Gladewater, two above ground storage tanks with a capacity of 200,000 gallons of water make the supply of water unlimited.

ELECTRIC POWER is supplied by Southwestern Electric Power Company. Two 138,000 volt and four 69,000 volt transmission lines supply Gladewater with adequate

electrical power for residential, commercial and industrial use.

IN THE SURROUNDING area there are three other power plants, together with interconnection contracts with neighboring utilities, and with the Knox Lee Electric generating plant there is approximately 741,000 kilowatts serving Gladewater. Another 196,000 kilowatt unit is under construction now and will give an additional boost to the already adequate system.

THE CITY OF Gladewater has a variety of year-round recreational facilities, as well as seasonal activities.

BEAUTIFUL LAKE Gladewater provides water skiing, boating and fishing the year-round. A newly constructed 12-lane bowling center, Pineleaf Golf and Country

Club, four city parks, a city-owned baseball park, tennis courts, picnic areas, swimming pools, movie theater, and the Community Center Building supply the city with ample facilities for all types of social and recreational activities.

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES such as the world-famous rodeo, quarter horse show and races and a dairy show add to an already great recreational agenda. The school system, churches and private groups offer a variety of summer recreational programs.

TWENTY-ONE CHURCHES in Gladewater represent a large number of denominations.

THERE ARE eight hotels and three hotels located within the city.

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