

Ground Broken For \$15.4 Million Health Education Building At MCO

Structure Third To Be Erected On West Campus

Ground was broken for the \$15.4 million health education building at the Medical College of Ohio Tuesday in ceremonies hastened by gathering masses of black clouds, thunder, and occasional raindrops.

As a tardy crew from a tent rental firm erected a yellow and white stripped tent, MCO, state, and federal officials turned shovelfuls of dirt for the third building to go under construction on the medical college's permanent west campus.

Dr. Marion Anderson, MCO president, pointed out that the event was the second groundbreaking ceremony at MCO this year.

Event Called Milestone

He also recalled that participants "almost froze to death" during the ceremonies for the library-administration building Jan. 11, when the chill factor

was about "15 degrees below zero."

Today's event, Dr. Anderson said, is an important milestone in the development of MCO.

The health education building, largest of the three under construction on the permanent campus, will house the animal research area in the basement; two lecture, two seminar, and eight multipurpose rooms on the first floor, and faculty office and laboratory space on the second.

The two lecture rooms will accommodate 250 students each, and the two seminar rooms, 100 students each.

The health education building will connect to the basic sciences building, which is the first to be built on the campus and is expected to be fully occupied by September.

Symbol Of Teamwork

MCO received approval for \$4.9 million in federal funding last September for the health education building, the first MCO structure to receive such support. State funds will make up the additional costs.

Dr. Frank Ellis called construction of the building a symbol of teamwork. He is director of Region Five of the U.S. Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Dr. Ellis is the former director of public health in Cleveland. Dr. Carl Mankowitz, assistant to the director of the Ohio department of health, called construction of the building a "really exciting thing."

MCO Cooperation Cited

MCO, he said that MCO is involved in health manpower training with other universities in the area and in quality patient care in northwestern Ohio.

Henry Morse, chairman of the MCO trustees, thanked the various members of the MCO staff, trustees, and administration, and other officials for their efforts in making construction of the building possible.

Immediately following the ceremonies, the spectators hurried to their cars, escaping a brief but heavy rainfall.

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MCO Planning Area Study

To Analyze Needs In Health Manpower

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COLUMBUS — The Medical College of Ohio will conduct a health-manpower study of northwest Ohio to analyze the needs of 19 counties.

The Health Planning Association of Northwestern Ohio will provide \$15,000 and the comprehensive Health Planning Association of the Great Ottawa Valley will contribute \$10,000 to the effort from funds made available by the Ohio department of health.

Dr. Marion C. Anderson, president of the Medical College of Ohio, said that the cooperative venture will help make MCO more responsive to community needs and will assist the 19 counties in the two associations in charting future health care needs.

The project will run for one year.

Jeff Drake, assistant to the president at MCO, said the year-long study will deal primarily with nursing, physicians' assistants, community and public health workers, and other allied health professionals in northwest Ohio outside Lucas County.

Data is already available on physician manpower, Mr. Drake explained, noting that this will be updated where necessary.

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