

Dedication Of College Fulfills Toledo Dream

Governor Lauds Leaders Who Made Medical Facility Possible

The community's "dream come true" made its formal public bow Sunday as the Medical College of Ohio.

In dedication ceremonies on the temporary campus, Governor Rhodes characterized the new college as "one which will become the guidepost to dreams of the future."

The 40-minute dedication took place in a large tent on the grounds of William Roche Memorial Hospital, attended by more than 400 state, city, and county officials, members of the medical profession, new students, and interested citizens. The hospital is just south of the 360-acre permanent campus site.

Tribute Paid To Group

Governor Rhodes noted that the college is a product of public funds, made available through the state Legislature.

Observing that "dreams and doers go hand in hand," he paid high tribute to a small group of trustees and community leaders, whom he credited with fighting hard for the college and guiding it to success.

"The moving force behind it all was Paul Block, Jr., and his staff," the governor said, referring to the publisher of The Blade, and chairman of the college board of trustees.

"I know of no man more willing than he to work for the common good of the community."

Basic Purpose Outlined

The governor dedicated the college to a basic purpose of saving and preserving human life and characterized it as "a dream come true."

Governor Rhodes was introduced by John A. Skipton, vice chairman of the college board of trustees, who commented that the college's beginning is "tangible evidence of what a community and state can do with imagination."

A need for another medical school in Ohio has been recognized for more than 20 years, he added, "but the project stalled in early years because of funds."

He credited the governor with floating a large bond issue from which the college ultimately will benefit.

Mr. Block welcomed the college's 32 medical students in behalf of trustees, and spoke of the college's most important function as that of providing a system of care for the entire community.

The trustee board chairman then paid tribute to work by the late Byron G. Shaffer, a former trustee, and to Dr. Glidden Brooks, president of the college, whose arrival in Toledo three years ago, he noted, gave the program an added impetus.

Dr. Brooks introduced trustees, past or present, and others who shared the platform. These included Bernard R. Baker, II; Thurmond Bretz; James Slater Gibson, William W. Knight, Jr.; Dr. Frank F. A. Rawling, Sister Mary Lawrence, Charles B. Stockstiel, Dr. Robert Page, the Rev. Robert E. Hansen, the Rev. Donald S. Hunter and John Martin. In attendance also were college foundation trustees and hospital officials.

Notes Assistance Of Many

The college president said it was especially pleasing to see representatives of all walks of life in attendance, those "who came not for a dedication of this

tent, but the implementation of an idea."

He spoke of the assistance of many groups and educators, including those of the University of Toledo, and Bowling Green State University.

The presentation of students was by Dr. Page, dean of the medical college, which began its first classes a week ago.

Expressing belief that the new college will have one of the best faculties in the country, he added that in preparation of its program, it had participation by the medical community. "This, I believe, is unique in the United States," he said.

The immediate college objective, he commented, is to graduate a class of physicians, that "will serve the community to the best of its ability."

Rain Threat Disappears

Although the tent had been set up as protection in event of rain, clouds which had hung heavy throughout the day broke just as the dedication began at 2:30 p.m.

For many, it was a first opportunity to see and hear the college's future directors, as well as trustees who made the institution possible.

An initial glimpse too was provided of the new but temporary laboratory building adjacent to William Roche.

Following the ceremony, those in attendance were invited by Dr. Brooks to tour the building. The laboratory is to serve until the Medical College of Ohio campus complex takes shape on a permanent site off Arlington Avenue, between Detroit Avenue and Byrne Road.