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## NEW HOSPITAL TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR

One of the biggest non-industrial developments in Fullerton since 1950 was the start of construction, after two years of planning and hard work, on the \$2,200,000 St Jude Hospital.

Completion of the four-story, 127-bed hospital is expected early next year. The huge poured-concrete building, with adjacent service buildings, has been under construction since early in 1955.

Located east of the intersection of Valencia Mesa Drive and Fullerton Road, it is situated on an 18-acre site owned by the Sisters of St Joseph, who will maintain and staff the hospital. When completed, it will bring the county's total up to 600 hospital beds and plans call for future expansion of 200 more beds as needed.

It will be the first large hospital in northern Orange County and will raise the average to slightly more than one hospital bed per 500 population.

More than \$750,000 of the needed funds was raised in the building fund campaign headed by Harvey Stonehouse of La Habra. Hill-Burton federal funds totaling \$646,000 were granted for the construction, and the balance of the cost was provided by the Sisters of St Joseph or Orange. Planned for expansion to 200 or more beds to keep pace with the booming growth of northern Orange County, the hospital already contains more than 60,000 square feet of floor area in the four floors and basement area of the T-shaped, fire and earthquake-resistant structure.

Some 250 nurses, orderlies and other employees in addition to nine Sisters of St Joseph will round out the hospital's helping hands. Adjoining the main building is a one-story wing containing an attractive chapel and beyond the chapel, the Sisters' convent.

The hospital was designed by John Maloney, Seattle architect, and built by the Pozzo Construction Company. Volunteer members of St Jude Guild will conduct a gift shop and assist in other hospital activities.