

## The Fairmont Medical Clinic – Early History

The Fairmont Medical Clinic was initially the inspiration of a group of Fairmont doctors and dentists back in 1969. These individuals formed the Fairmont Professional Building Corporation. At that time they had no definite plans, however, they had filed legal articles of incorporation. They felt that a detailed study had to be conducted in order to determine the feasibility of moving forward with their plan to build a clinic.

From the perspective of the hospital at that time, hospital administrator Cale Neal was quoted as stating that this “is something that the hospital board is really happy to see.” He went on to say that the construction of a new clinic as well as hospital was very important in attracting new physicians to the community. Neal further stated that the hospital was willing to sell two acres of land on the forty-nine acre site to the clinic. The clinic was to be a private enterprise and a separate corporation was also planned to operate the pharmacy.

Construction of the clinic, projected to cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000, was slated to begin in the spring of 1970. Although it would be adjacent to the hospital, it would be a separate entity and not connected to the hospital other than physically. The plan for the construction of the clinic was to accommodate the physicians and dentists in place at that time while providing additional space for future members to join. The plan provided the doctors having their own offices and examination rooms. In addition, a central accounting and record keeping department would be incorporated into the facility. The clinic corporation purchased five and one-half acres of land from the community hospital corporation for their venture. Although it was a separate corporation from the hospital, plans for a link physically connecting the two facilities were made at that time.

Upon completion, the clinic held an open house in September of 1971. An estimated 500-600 people were in attendance for the event. Members of the corporation were awarded the Chamber of Commerce Enterprise Award “in recognition of their initiative, savings, resources, courage and enterprise” in establishing the corporation’s facilities, according to the chamber manager at that time, Wayne Unze.

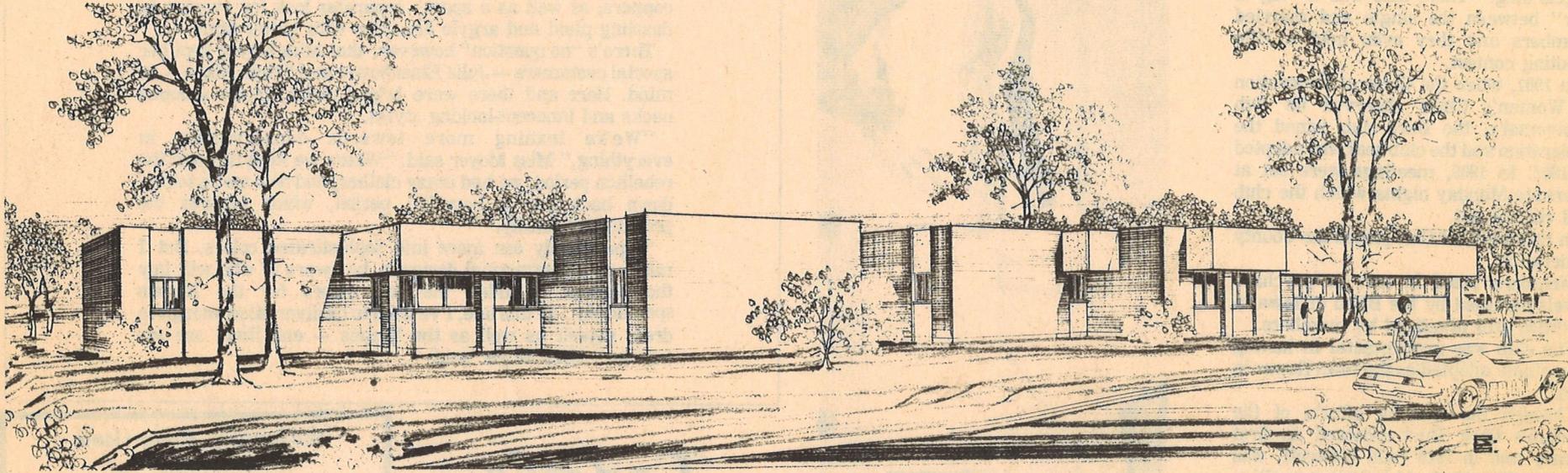
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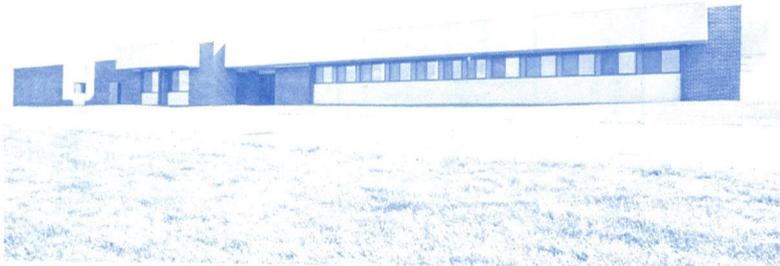
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Construction of this medical clinic expected to start soon

# \$600,000 clinic to be built

# Fairmont Professional Building Corp.



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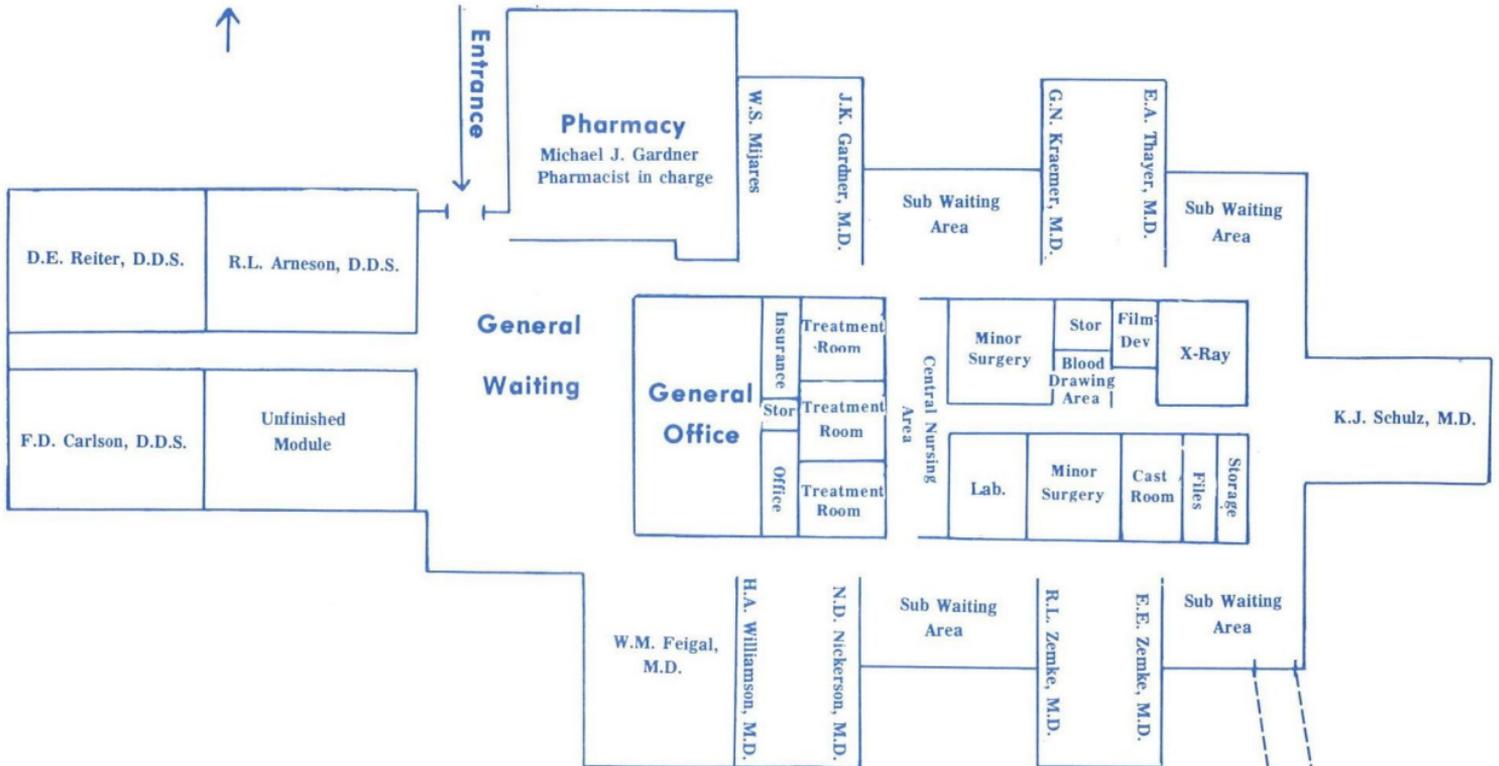
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